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ALGIERS (AP) — The Arab tripartite committee on Lebanon is to continue its work evaluating the results of recent contacts, according to a brief statement issued at the end of a meeting at ministerial level of the committee. Algerian Foreign Minister Boualem Bessaleh, Morocco's Abdul Latif Filali and Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal left after the discussions without giving any indication as to their agenda. Bul Arab sources in Algiers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the committee discussed how to achieve an "acceptable compromise" between Syria and Iraq in order to scale down the conflict between factions they support in Lebanon. The committee apparently determined that warring factions in Lebanon could be reconciled if the constitution was revised. parliament reconvened and a new government formed, the sources said. The committee was said to have praised "constructive" action taken by Egypt, which blocked delivery to Lebanese General Michel Aoun of two

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Jewish settlers armed with submachine guns raided an occupied West Bank village Friday, killing, a Palestinian with a shot in the head and wounding another, villagers said.

In the Gaza Strip, an American ng Socialis i E) said the relief worker "kidnapped" by suspected Palestinians was freed Friday, about 30 hours after be was taken hostage, reporters

n he dappe Dister Mes Israel radio said nine settlers were arrested following the attack on the village of Karawat Bani Zayd but military sources would confirm only that police had interrogated settlers, refusing to say whether any were still in custody.

The village lies some seven kilometres from the settlement of Ariel and close to the spot where Ariel resident Friedrich Rosenfeld was stabbed to death last Sunday. Three Palestinians from nearby Buritoin were arrested for

that killing.
A second Palestinian was reportedly shot dead in clashes with troops after prayers in the West Bank town of Hebron.

The deaths brought to 530 the number of Palestinians killed in the 18-and-a-half-month uprising. Fathi Refai, Karawat Bani Zayd resident, said in a telephone interview that about a dozen settiers armed with automatic weapons entered the village on

A clash ensued with dozens of stone-throwing youths, and the settlers killed 20-year-old Aziz Khamis Yousef Arar with a shot in the head, Refai said. Rani Adnan Yousef Arag, a 14-year-old relative of the slain man, was wounded in the leg, Refai said.

The elder Arar was buried immediately, Refai said. The army spokesman said troops arrived in the village after the funeral.

Arar is the first Palestinian to be killed in a clash with settlers since last month when Jewish students stormed the village of Kifl Harith, futally shooting a 13-year-old girl.

In Hebron, 19-year-old Ayman Taher Muhtasseb was shot in the neck by troops during stonethrowing clashes after Friday prayers, reports said.

Muhtasseb arrived dead in a Hebron clinic of the Red Crescent, a Red Crescent official said. Also Friday, a Palestinian was sentenced by an Israeli court to

life in prison for stabbing to death two Israelis and wounding three others last month, Israeli media reported.

The defendant, 28-year-old Nidal Zalum from the West Bank

longed to Islamic Jihad, a fun-

damentalist group. In the Gaza incident, a U.S. embassy spokesman confirmed that Chris George was released in good health.

Israeli troops scoured the Gaza Strip, searching cars and houses, but U.N. officials said George was freed by his kidnappers without army intervention.

George, co-director of the U.S.-headquarters Save the Children Federation, walked into the Marne House hotel in Gaza City at about 6 p.m. (1500 GMT) and shook hands with hotel workers and Palestinian journalists.

George said he was well-treated during his captivity. "They were nice to me," he

said. "I practiced my Arabic during this period, I ate my food,

He gave no other details, George said be was asked by the kidnappers to carry out a letter to U.S. President George

The six-page communique said the kidnapping was not intended to hurt Americans but was a plea to world opinion, especially that in the United States, to understand the plight of the Palestinians and their need for inde-

The letter spoke of French President François Mitterrand's meeting with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and requested that Bush hold a similar meeting with the Palestinian leader.

Peking pursues purge

PEKING (Agenciest — China announced the arrests of more student activists Friday while rumours spread of a major Saturday-night arrest sweep as signs emerged that the Communist Party leadership was poised to announce the dumping of reformiss chief Zhao Ziyang.

The government also continued to press its propaganda campaign seeking to unify the people behind the party by obstracising the opposition.

Those behind the pro-democracy uprising of the last two months "attempted to use the model of Western capitalist countries to transform China's hardwon socialist system," the People's Daily said in an editorial. "We must fight against this

trend... otherwise, socialist China will be turned into a vassal of international capitalism," according to the official Communist Party newspaper. Police arrested Liu Xiaobo, an

instructor at Peking Teacher's University, who recently returned from six months in the United States, evening television and radio announced.

Liu joined the China Democraoc League, an organisation of Chinese dissidents in the United States, and published anti-communist essays overseas, the reports said. He also advocated abolition of one-party rule by the Communist Party and was in close contact with leaders of the student-led democracy movement, they said.

Liu's arrest came one day after the announcement of the arrests of 13 people the government claims spied for Taiwan and fomented unrest and anti-govern-

Four student leaders and one worker were arrested in Zhangjiakou, ahout 180 kilometres nonhwest of Peking, news re-ports said Friday. One student was accused of organising health care for students who went on a hunger strike in Tiananmen Square last month, and another of organising crowds to set up street barricades.

Two worker was accused of beaung soldiers and throwing stones during the army's advance on the square June 3-4 that left hundreds, possibly thousands.

Peking Radio said Friday that 27 people were given prison terms for rioting in the southern city of Changsha last April in the early days of the protest movement. It said one of them, Li Weihong, was given a death sentence with a two-year reprieve. meaning the sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment if

he behaves well for two years. Twenty-seven people were executed Wednesday and Thursday, including seven in Peking for attacking soldiers and destroying military vehicles during the assault.

China has pushed ahead with harsh punishment for protesters despite sanctions and appeals for clemency by the United States and other countries.

and teachers at four universities tical crisis in 40 years of Chinese in Peking between Thursday communist rule. Zhao, known to night and Friday morning, according to the U.S. television network CBS.

major sweep of arrests Saturday meeting is on.

Night-shift workers were ordered to make sure they carried their work identification papers because there would be sieppedup police searches for participants in the protests three weeks ago, a Chinese source said.

There was also heavy activity by security forces in northern Peking early Friday, with several shots fired and the smell of icargas in the air, local residents said.

Diplomats and foreign analysts said they saw two clear indicauons that a long-awaited top party meeting had either begun or

was imminent. They pointed to the defiant editorial in the People's Daily, saying that the party had won a decisive victory over a recent "counter-revolutionary rebellion" and vowing to keep China a communist nation. Analysts saw this as confirmation of a party

Later in the day came an unusually bland evening news bulletin on state television, in which none of the nation's usually prominent leaders appeared.

Long sequences were devoted to film of various groups studying key speech by senior leader Deng Niaoping, explaining the causes of the mass pro-democracy protests and why the army had to crush them.

The demonstrations and their Police also arrested 17 students aftermath sparked the worst polihave favoured a compromise solution, lost out.

etwork CBS. "Something is clearly going on." one senior Western diplofears that police were preparing a mat said. "It looks as if the big

foot at about 9:30 a.m. Friday. town of Ramallah, allegedly benonia enter peace pact

GBADOLITE, Zaire (Agencies) Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and rebel leader Jonas Savimhi have agreed to end their 14-year-old civil war Saturday in a plan that reportedly includes self-exile for the guerril-

The ceasefire, effective at midnight (2200 GMT) Saturday in the entire Angolan territory, left the details of the peace agreement to be worked out in subsequent negotiations between the two parties.

The two leaders, longtime enemies from their bush war, scaled the agreement by shaking hands in front of the leaders of 20 African countries gathered here for a summit to try to resolve the. Angolan conflict.

"I was not born to make war at all costs;" Savimhi, head of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UN-ITA), said after the agreement was announced. "Even if f have made war until now for precise reasons, and even if these reasons cease to exist, I will always remain, in my skin, a citizen of

Angola." After returning to the Angolan capital of Luanda, Dos Santos told reporters: "We've taken the first step... the future will tell. But at least we'te all acting in good faith." He was quoted by the Portuguese news agency

Savimbi reportedly ended an impasse in the talks at Gbadolite by agreeing to remain in his bush beadquarters until elections in Angola, which are expected to be

held in two years. President Moussa Traore, president of Mali and chairman of the Organisation of African Unity

(OAU), announced the ceasefire at the news conference in Gbadolite, some 650 kilometres northeast of the Zairc capital, Kinsbasa. The meeting was the first between Dos Santos and Savimbi

since civil war broke out in 1975 shortly after the former Portuguese colony gained its independence. UNITA has fought to share power with Dos Santos' Popular Liberation Movement of Angola. Sources close to the negotiations said the agreement was

largely the work of Zaire President Mobutu Sese Soko, who has been actively involved in the latest efforts to end the Angolan war since May 16.

The summit of African leaders adopted an eight-point declaration, drafted by Mobutu and explicitly accepted by Dos Santos and Savimbi.

The declaration proclaimed "the will of the daughters and sons of Angola to put an end to war and to proclaim their national reconciliation to the world." It said a commission would be

set up under Mobutu to work out details of the national reconciliation, but gave no further informa-South Africa, which has sup-

ported UNITA, hailed the agreement as a major step towards national reconciliation. "If the reports of a ceasefire

are correct, it would constitute a major formal step to achieving national reconciliation in Angola," Foreign Minister Pik Botha said.

Botha said in a statement he still awaited details of the peace accord.

Present at the summit were the presidents of Angola, Zambia, Zaire, Gabon, Mali, Rwanda, Burundi, Cape Verde, Sao Tome, Congo, Botswana, Guinea-Bissau, the Central African Republic, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, Mozambique and Zimbahwe. Tanzania was represented by its vice president and Morocco by the president of the national assembly.

The ceasefire agreement follows a U.S.-brokered regional peace accord signed in New York in December by Angola, Cuba and South Africa.

South Africa agreed then to grant independence to Namibia and balt aid to UNITA in exchange for the withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops backing Angola's government.

UNITA was not a party to that In Washington, assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Herman Cohen said Thursday that the United States "helped develop" the Zaire summit. The United States has continued to arm the rebels.

.IN. chiet in Algiers on Sahara mission

ALGIERS (AP) - U.N. Secretary-General Javier Percz de Cuellar arrived here Friday amid conflicting reports of an attack by Polisario rebels on a Moroccan post in the Western Suhara.

Perez de Cuellar is on the last leg of a five-day mission in the region secking a solution to the conflict between the Algeria-backed Polisario and Morocco.

A statement Thursday by the Moroccan military high command in Rabat said a group of about 30 Polisario guerrillas attacked the desert post of Amgala, about 400 kilometres from the village of Boujdour on the Atlantic coast.

The statement said the clash Wednesday left one Moroccan soldier and three rebels dead, and at least one Moroccan soldier and three rebels dead, and at least one Moroccan soldier wounded. The Polisario denied launching the attack.

A statement from the organisation said Thursday the Moroccan allegation was a "manoeuvre to sway opinion, especially of Moroccans, away from the refusal of their government to accept the repatriation in their families of 200 of their sons."

The Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, the plitical structure of the Polisario, reportedly released 200 prisoners this week to mark Perez de Cuellar's mission in the

region.

The secretary general has met officials from the Moroccan government and from the Polisario. On Thursday, Perez de Cuellar met Polisario leader Mohammad Abdul Aziz in the Smara refugee camp near Algiers. He also held talks with Bachir Mustapha Sayed, who headed the Polisario

delegation in its first meeting with Morocco's King Hassan II in January. Perez de Cuellar will meet Algerian Foreign Minister Boualem Bessaich and President Chadli Benjedid in Algiers Friday

The Polisario has been fighting for control of the arid western Sahara since Spain withdrew 13

and Saturday, before leaving for

New York.



Marwan Al Qasem

Minister Marwan Al Qasem said the formation of the three-member head-of-state level Arab committee on Lebanon by the May 23-26 Casablanca summit reflected the concept of pan-Arab

national security because Israel's presence in southern Lebanon and the Iranian presence in the Bekaa Valley had adverse impacts on not only the security of Lebanon but also of the Arab Nation:

In an interview published Thursday by the Al Hawadeth magazine. Qasem said the Casablanca summit achieved three main aim goals, return of Egypt

AMMAN (J.T.) — Deputy to its natural place in the sentative of the Palestinian peo-Prime Minister and Foreign Arab ranks and securing total ple," Qasem said. benefit the Arab Nation, Qasem Arab support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and its peace strategy and consolidated Arab position bebind Iraq in its quest for peace with

> Jordan-PLO relations. Qasem said, took a fresh turn towards their best after Jordan's severance of formal ties with the West Bank and the present excellent state of relations between Jordan and the PLO had contributed to Arab solidarity.

"We support what the PLO views as the best for the Palestinian people since we support the PLO as the sole legitimate repre-

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Jordan's break with the West

Bank achieved positive results since it prompted the PLO to recognise U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which calls on Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories. Qasem said. Moreover, he said, it also removed obstacles in initiating a dialogue between the PLO and the United States, and showed Israel as the sole party blocking peace efforts.

The establishment of the three Arab cooperation blocs — the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Arab Cooperation Council and the Arah Maghreh Union -

Qasem highlights Casablanca achievements

The situation in Iran after the June 3 death of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah is strictly internal issue for Iran, Qasem said. Jordan. being an Arab country, remains firmly behind Iraq, he added. Qasem described Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev as a "courageous man who undertook the most dangerous task of the age by moving into a realistic stage of coexistence with the rest of the world, surpassing all obstacles that kept the Soviet Union behind throughout the past years.

Rafsanjani caps Soviet visit with sermon in Baku

Chinese soldiers armed with machine gans patrol Peking streets

MOSCOW (R) — Iran's par-liamentary speaker, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, praised Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev as one of the world's great leaders in a sermon Friday at the central mosque in the capital of Soviet Azerbaijan.

As hundreds of Soviet Muslims in Baku's Tazapir Mosque listened. Rafsanjani urged more contacts between Muslims in the Soviet Union and Iran, a spokesman for the Islamic Board for

Transcaucasia said. Rafsanjani, who is likely to be elected the country's next president, flew to Baku after talks in Moscow during which he and Gorbachev signed a joint declaration calling for both countries to expand cooperation in defence great leader, not only of the Soviet Union but of the world," spokesman Akif Agayev told Reuters by telephone from Baku.

"He said there should be more friendship between Iran and the Soviet Union, and better relations with Muslim organisations in the Soviet Union." said Agayev, spokesman for one of the four government-approved Islamic boards in the country.

ing the weekly service at the Tazapir, the largest Shi'ite mosque in the Soviet Union. speaker told the crowd he attached great importance to his

Rafsanjani spoke for 10 mi-nutes to about 500 people attend-The Iranian parliamentary

visit to the Soviet Union, Agayev

in Moscow. been such a visit." The worshippers, who gathered in the courtyard of the mosque long before Rafsanjani

bis visit, Agayev said. The Tazapir Mosque, which has two minarets, was built in central Baku at the beginning of this century.

Agayev said Rafsanjani had

arrived, received the Iranian en-

thusiastically and thanked him for

a sightseeing trip around the Caspian Sea port city before leaving

Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Hashemi Rafsan jani (left) with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev later in the day.

> TASS. Another spokesman at the Islamic board in Baku said Soviet Muslims welcomed the new era in ties between Moscow and Tchran from the depths of our hearts' after a decade of strained rela-

Rafsanjani flew to Baku Friday

from Leningrad, where he had

also visited a mosque, according

to the official Soviet news agency

tions and little contact. The seven million Soviet Azer-

baijanis, although many no longer officially profess a religion. have a Shi ite Muslim tradition like the majority of Iranians. There are also five million Azerbaijanis in Iran.

But there has been little contact between the Iranian and Sovici Azerbaijanis, especially during the last decade of strained tics between the officially-atheist Soviet state and Iran under late spiritual leader Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

and other fields. said. "He said there had never Kazakh unrest continues despite pledges of reform

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Kazakhstan's government pledged Friday to solve the social and economic problems fuelling rioting in a desert town, but more disturbances were reported.

TASS said Kazakhstan's council of ministers set up a commission to outline improvements for Novy Uzen, a town of 56,000 people where arson and other attacks began lust weekend.

At the same time, Pravda reported that six people tried to seize n gas compressor station, and many workers are staying away from their jobs as the fear of futher rioting grips the town.

The Communist Party daily

said only a quarter of the factory

and office employees showed up for work Thursday in Novy Uzen, where four people were killed in rioting. Only a bakery and food shops worked normally, Pravda

The rioters demand that all members of Caucasus ethnic groups be evicted from Novy Uzen. More than one-third of the population is from the Caucasus. Native Kazakhs complain the Caucasus settlers dominate the oil industry jobs on which the town depends and receive referential treatment in bousing

and other benefits. The rioters also complain the settlers have set up private businesses, cooperatives, that sell supplies in the isolated town for exorbitant prices.

In reporting the planned im-provements, TASS said cooperatives found guilty of abuses would be closed. It did not detail what other measures would be taken, but quoted Deputy Premier Oktyabr I. Zheltikov as saying that rapid development of the oil and gas industry had led to shortages of housing and food in Novy Uzen. Speculation of scarce goods and unfair distribution of apartments began, he said.

Pravda said one group carrying firearms and metal bars had been detained after trying to seize control of a gas pumping station in the town of Novy Uzen.

Others had tried to put of action un aqueduct, electrical lines and a refinery.

"There are attacks on transport installations and calls to carry out sabotage," Pravda said.

Yesterday only one large bakery and food shops were open. Despite the efforts of party and local government officials, workers are still in a feverish mood. Again only one quarter of workers and officials were at their

Pravda quoted a lone bus driver at a depot, T. Angdaliyev, as saying groups had threatened workers if they turned up for

Uzbekistan's Communist Party Nishanov, TASS reported.

chief was replaced Friday, but there was no indication the move was related to the violence.

TASS said Rafik N. Nishanov was relieved as Uzbek party first secretary because he had been appointed head of one of two chambers of the recently revamped supreme Soviet legislature in Moscow. Nishanov heads the Soviet of nationalities, which reviews problems of the Soviet Union's more than 100 nationa

mittee, meeting in the republican capital Tasbkent, elected Islam A. Karimov, a regional party chief in the republic, to replace

groups.
The Uzbek party's central com-

NAAA honours Jordan's

National Association for Arab Americans (NAAA) has given awards to representatives of Jor-

dan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tuni-sia and Sweden in appreciation of

their countries' contributions to-

wards initiating and pushing the

Addressing the closing session

of the 17th annual conference of

the NAAA, Alfred Shihab, presi-

dent of NAAA, voiced the Arab-

Americans' appreciation of the

intense efforts made by these countries to initiate the dialogue between the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) and the U.S.

The dialogue, he said, is an adv-

anced step on the path of estab-

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The association's ex-president

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noted its efforts in winning the

PLO international status and

bringing about the declaration of

ment in the region.

Palestinian-American dialogue.

Moss assails militias; Aoun seeks attention

BEIRUT (AP) — Salim Al Hoss. the head of the civilian cabinet in Lebanon's dual government, made his strongest attack ever on militia leaders Friday while blaming them for abducting the civil servant in charge of grain and sugar imports.

His blast came as rival gunners skirmished with howitzers in Beirut and army commander Michel Aoun was calling for pro-tests by Lebanese worldwide to focus attention on the country's

problems. Also Friday, Israeli-allied mili-tiamen of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia Friday clashed with guerrillas of the Party of God in the eastern Bekaa Valley. Police said no casualties

were immediately reported. Prime Minister Hoss did not name the militias he believes responsible for the Wednesday kidnapping of Raja Bsat.

A previously unknown group. calling itself Father of the Poor, has claimed abducting Bsat in the west Beirut Wednesday to protest a bread shortage.

Bsat headed the grain and sugar department, in charge of imports, n the civilian cabinet's Economy Ministry.

Hoss blamed the shortages in vital supplies on 'leaders who have become merchants."

He was apparently referring to the leaders of the various militias who bave been recently accused of making astronomical profits

from suspicious business deals. The unarmed population, politicians who dn unt belong to militia factions and moderate government leaders have been privately complaining recently that warlords were using their power to strike illegal husiness deals.

They claim militia leaders blast power poles and block fuel supplies to power stations to force the population to purchase auxiliary generators imported by them or by their partners.

Hoss, in a statement broadcast by local radio stations, accused such militias of kidnapping Bsat to "Cover up for their crimes." Hoss, who does not have a political party or a militia, said he was "aware of the population's plight," including the brutality of

illegal taxation by militias. He did not offer any solutions, however. The various militias, in addition to collecting customs dues m ports they run, also levy taxes in their respective areas of infin-

A police spokesman said gunners deployed in west Beirut, fired about 20 howitzer shells into

the coastline north of Beirus throughout the day to maintain a blockade of Aoun-controlled

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing rules, said the 130-mm Soviet-designed sbells exploded around the ports of Jounieb and Byblos to prevent Aoun from importing war mate-

Aoun's gunners, deployed in the 800-square-kilometre enclave responded with 155-mm howitzers, the spokesman said.

He said five howitzer sbells fired by Aoun's gunners exploded around artillery batteries along west Beirut's seaside houlevard.

Witnesses, speaking on condi-tion of anonymity, said motorists deserted their vehicles and sought refuge in entrances to buildings when a howitzer shell exploded on the main highway in the Ras Beirut district at 10:30 a.m. (0730

One witness said the shell explosion "inflicted damage on some cars, but no casualties were

"Those who took cover in nearby buildings, rushed back to their cars a few minutes after the shell exploded and sped away," he added.

The current round of violence broke out March 8, pitting Aoun's 20,000 army units against Syrian and allied forces.

By police count, 373 people have been killed and 1,457 wounded in the 14-week confrontation that continued despite repeated calls by Arab leaders for

The confrontation broke out two days after Aoun blockaded illegal ports run by militias south of Beirut for denying the ailing state treasury about \$100 million in customs dues annually.

Syrian and allied forces retaliated by besieging the Aoun enclave, home for about one million people.

Aoun, addressing a news conference at his bomb-ravaged presidential palace in the suburb of Baahda, protested what he termed "the silence practiced by the world regarding the killing of Lebanon.

He called on "the Lebanese and their friends in the world to stage sit-ins near the U.S. and Soviet emo

world as of Monday." The move, he said, aims at pressuring Syria into lifting its hlockade of the enclave and accepting a ceasefire in the confrontation with Aoun's troops.



With the destruction by artillery fire of the main fuel depot at Dora in east Beirut, the forces of army commander Michel Aoun have been

facing an acute shortage of fuel in the face of a blockade by rival militias of ports controlled by Aoun.

Baker reaffirms U.S. support for Israeli plan

WASHINGTON (USIA) - U.S. Secretary of State James Baker. responding to questions during a House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee meeting, has reiterated U.S. support for Israel's proposal for elections in the occupied territories. At the same time, he stressed the need for direct Israeli-Palestinian talks rather than an international con-

We have tried to discourage the Soviets and member countries of the European Community from pressing forward at this time for an international conference," because "that might preempt more promising opportunities,"

In last week's bilateral working group on the Middle East, he said, the United States emphasised to the Soviets that their proposal for an international conference would "divert attention away from engaging Israelis and

Palestinians directly." He said the point was made that world attention should be kept "riveted on changing the situation on the ground" and getting to elections.

However, he repeated the U.S. position that "an international conference, properly structured and at the appropriate time, could usefully advance the peace

Other nations that had been totally committed to the concept of an "immediate recourse" to an international conference spon-sored by the permanent U.N. Security Council members, the secretary noted, "are now saying 'let's see if we can make this (Israeli) election process work'."

On the subject of an administration request to Congress for permission to proceed with arms sales to Saudi Arabia, the secretary said these "proposals are quite justifiable." He called for close consultations with Congress

on the matter. "We have interests with moderate Arab states that are quite important to the United States, and quite important to Israel," the secretary said.

On another matter, while he had no direct comments on the visit of Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani to Moscow and a reported possible arms deal between Iran and the Soviet Union, Baker noted that the United States had discussed with the Soviets the U.S. concerns about. the transfer of weapons and the proliferation of missile and chemical weapons technology.

During his May talks in Moscow, Baker said the two sides specifically discussed Iran and the reluctance of the Soviet Union to condemn" the Iranian call for the assassination of Amer-

He said that U.S. policy to-

developments" there and hy the Iranians' approach to the United States and the free world, "not just by what happens in the USSR-Iran relationship.

'We don't know yet... exactly what course the developments in Iran will take, following the death of the Avatollah Khomeini," he pointed out, "We do know that Iran has not as yet renounced terrorism,", nor taken action "leading to the likely release" of the American hostages in Lebanon, "or at least demonstrating their willingness to use their influence" with the hostage takers.

"There are many things that, in our view, Iran needs to do before there can be a significant improvement" in relations, Baker said. The United States should be "receptive" to such steps, he continued, "provided they are willing to take the requisite steps to wards Iran "has to be guided by improve relations."

wear tags labelling them "alien

workers" after critics compared

David that Jews were forced to

In Naharia, a town near the

Lebanese border, the Morocc-

an-born Mayor of Gabi Sabagh last

month called on Jewish resi-

dents to stop selling and renting

The mayor of the southern

Israeli town of Ashdod, Avi

Zilker, barred all Arab workers

temporarily after two soldiers

disappeared. One of the sol-

diers, Avi Sasportas, was found

dead. Security forces said they

believed Islamic extremists kil-

'Israelis are torn between de-

pendence on Arah workers, who make about half the wages

of Israeli labourers, and "guilt" over exploiting them, said Pro-

fessor Epbraim Yuchtman-

Yaar, a social psychologist at

is vital for the Israeli economy.

They are doing low-status jobs

that Israelis prefer not to do,"

said. "Because they are not, it is exploitation and should be

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq has Thursday.

The paper said that the First

The corps was the last to be formed by the Iraqis during the war and was composed mainly of about 20,000 veteran officers and servicemen.

southero Fao Peninsula after a monthlong battle. The corps was posted at the central sector of the 1,800-

to defend the city of Knt. The daily said a military parade was held in Kut Wednesday to hand over responsibility for the area to the 2nd and 4th army

Military experts noted that the corps was formed because Iraq, with less than 16 million people, was fighting Iran with a popula-

efforts in U.S.-PLO talks WASHINGTON (Petra) — The the State of Palestine. Tannons said Jordan had played an effec-

tive and essential role in initiating the U.S.-PLO dialogue and noted the unique status His Majesty King Hussein enjoys among Arab Americans because of his honourable stands on the Pales tine question, the Lebanese crisis. and the Iran-Iraq war.

At the conclusion of its three: day meetings in Washington, the NAAA voiced its full support for the Palestinian uprising and for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state

In its final communique, the association denounced Israely oppressive measures against the Palestinian people and appealed to the American Education Department and educational organisations and universities to inter-Peter Tannous, paid tribute to vene with the Israeli authorities. and to exercise pressure on them to ensure the reopening of the schools and universities in the occupied territories.

Iraq dissolves special corps of armed forces

dissolved an army corps that fought against Iran during the eight-year Gulf war, the army daily Al Qaddissiya reported

Special Army Corps was dissolved and the decision to discharge the soldiers from its three divisions officially announced Wednesday.

It was set up in June 1986, only four months after Iran took the

kilometre front and was assigned

tion of more than 50 million Iraq has discharged thousands of servicemen since the cease fire in the war took affect in August, but the deadlocked peace talks have kept hundreds of thousands more deployed at border.

A United Nations peacekeep

force patrols a buffer zone between the two sides, The army stands at 1.5 million

Officials have said more soldiers are to be discharged July I in the Abid Said-area: Those to be discharged are

Iragis born in 1950 and 1951. They will be followed by younger soldiers in a timetable prepared to discharge all Iraqis who took part in the war. Iraqi officials said dissolving

the brigade was another sign of the desire for peace with its neighbour.

United Nations-sponsored peace talks deadlocked as soon as ... they started last August over numerous issues including with-drawal of troops to internations. borders, control over the Shaat Al Arab waterway and exchange of prisoners of war.

Son of Shah predicts youth-led revolt in Iran

NEW YORK (Agencies) - The son of the former Shah of Iran has predicted that Iranian youth would spearhead an eventual mass uprising against the Islamic

Reza Pahlavi, addressing the New York Council on Foreign Relations, said the youth of Iran were powerless to shape their own destiny and would have no alternative but to rise.

armed forces.

new spiritual leader after the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini June 3, was a "thirdranking" religious figure who did not have the support of the majority of Iranian clerics...

damentalist Islamic regime.

Pahlavi, whose father Mohammad Reza was deposed in 1979 by the revolution led by Khomeini, admonished Western governments not to remain insensitive to

of human rights in Iran Iran's foreign minister said

He said they would be backed by religious leaders and the

He said Ali Khamenei, Iran's

He also suggested that attempts by Speaker of Parliament Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsaniani to normalise relations with the outside world or reassure the private sector in Iran would further deepen rifts in the fun-

alleged repression and violations

Thursday several countries had recently tried to mediate between Tehran and Washington, but Iran rejected all these attempts.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, in an interview published Thursday, said Iran was interested in good relations with countries only on basis of Khomeini's principles and without compromising its independence.

"Several countries had approached us for some kind of mediation with the United States. But we reject that as the Island Republic in Iran has never welcomed such mediations." Velayati told Dubai-based Arabic

newspaper Al Bayan. Velayati refused to give tames of the cuntries which approached. Tehran for mediation nor to clahorate on relations with Washington, said the paper.
"Our foreign policy will follow

the approach of Imam Khomeur which allows us, in the light of Islamic principles and national independence, to establish good relations with other countries," Velayati said.

IAEA chief calls for rebuilding of Iran plant

NICOSIA (AP) — The secretarygeneral of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has called for the completion of an unfinished nuclear power plant heavily damaged by air attacks during the Gulf war, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Friday.

IRNA said Secretary-General Hans Blix deplored the idea that the plant near the southern port of Bushehr should be ahandoned unfinished.

The agency said Thursday that on arrival at Bushehr Blix said that the Vienna-base IAEA was prepared to cooperate with Iran m estimating "the technical and economic damage" the Iraqi attacks inflicted.

IRNA said Blix was heading a delegation of senior officials of the United Nations-affiliated

organisation.
The team flew to Tebran

PROGRAMME ONE

reactivate its nuclear energy

Iran's Atomic Energy Organisa-tion Director Reza Amrohalli

as saying Wednesday that his projects in recent years.

that "suitable grounds" could be found for "mutual cooperation in

He was expected to meet with and other Iranian officials.

agency and Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation had cooperated on

amid reports Tenran was trying to

the future.

programme since a ceasefire halted the Iran-Iraq war last Au-

The Iranian agency quoted Blix

IRNA said he voiced the hope

But IAEA spokesman James Dalgliesh said in a telephone interview from Vienna that Blix's visit was "primarily diplomatic and there is no specific purpose, such as revitalising Iran's nuclear facilities

Debate rekindled over Israeli reliance on Palestinian workers from a plan to make Arabs

By Marjorie Olster The Associated Press

PETAH TIKVA - A transit camp built to keep Palestinian day labourers off the streets has triggered an outcry from some Israelis who see it as a form of

segregation and discrimination. After 18 months of clashes between Palestinian protesters and government soldiers in the occupied territories, anti-Arah sentiments are growing among Israelis, rekindling a dehate over the country's reliance on

Palestinians for manual labour. The "holding area" in Petah Tikva and a move by an Israeli settlement to make Arah labourers wear "alien worker" badges are symbols of the growing segregation between Jews and Arabs, said Moshe Semyonov, a sociologist at Tel

Aviv University.
"People on both ends of the political spectrum are against depending on Arabs - one out of antagonism, the other for humanistic or moral reasons," said Semyonov, a specialist in labour relations.

'Temporary prison'

The town council in Petah Tikva, a city of 150,000 located 10 kilometres east of Tel Aviv, recently approved using the "holding area" for Arah workers. Some Israeli newspapers criticised the move and said the bolding area amounted to a

"temporary prison." The original plan called for a fenced-in holding pen where quired to show their identity cards and wait to he hired by Jewish employers.

But after the public outcry, the town revised the plans, doing away with the fence and dropping the idea of forcing workers to wait in the camp. The shelters now consist of metal frames with plastic roofs, three park benches and a port-

able toilet. The Arab lahourers who come to Petah Tikva at dawn from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have customarily waited for jobs at an intersection about 100 metres from the

shelter. The labourers, who work as street cleaners, garbage collectors, furniture movers, painters and in canning factories, said they object to the sbelters. 'It is like a prison. None of the workers want to go to the shelters," said Sughi, a worker

in his 40s from the West Bank city of Nablus. Another worker, Faisal, in his 20s, said he feared labourers would be harassed by the police or targeted for violent attacks by Jewish extremists if they waited in the shelters.

"People are afraid to go to the shelter. They are afraid of the police or of citizens bere who might plant bombs or

Dr. Yousef 'Awad

Civil Defence Department Civil Defence Immediate

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Both refused to give their last names, fearing reprisals. Avraham Oren, a Petah Tik-

va town council member who opposes the holding area, said it would prohably never be used because of the controversy surrounding it. This idea that it is possible

to put people in pens is like segregation of the races," be But council spokesman Shuki Yelin defended the shelters,

saying they were built to ease the concero of Jewish residents. "We built it because ... many Jewish citizens protested and sent petitions, saying they are suffering because of the pre-sence of the Arabs near their houses." Yelin said. "It's not racist. We know we are criticised, but it's not a jail. We don't force them to go. "It's an

open piace." In other Israeli towns, officials have suggested harring Arah labourers altogether or tightening controls over the workers.

Sucb proposals come at a time of rising Israeli frustration over the continuing uprising in the occupied territories and right-wing calls for military rep-

Actions elsewhere

In the West Bank settlement of Ariel, officials backed down

Yaar said. "But morally, many Israelis feel the Arabs should be treated equally to Jewish workers with the same fringe benefits general conditions," he

Tel Aviv University.

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Queen visits children's exhibition

AMMAN — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday visited the children's drawing exhibition, organised by Al Sanafer Elementary School, to mark the Great Arab Revolt and the Army Day. On display at the exhibition, which was held at the Royal Cultural Centre, are 100 drawings by school children aged between 3 and 9 years. Queen Nnnr was briefed on the drawings by the students themselves. The Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Faisal and Health and Social Development Minister Zuhair Malhas. (Petra)



Noor inspects the site currently being prepared to host the 1989 Jerash Festival due to open July 5.

The Queen was accompanied by Tourism Minister

JERASH FESTIVAL: Her Majesty Queen Yanal Hikmat, Culture and Information Minister

60 blood donors receive awards

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majety Queen Noor Thursday presented certificates and awards to 60 blood donors in appreciation of their true belonging and coopera-tion with those who are in need of

Chairman of the National Blood-donnrs Snciety, which organised the event to honour hlood donors, presented the society's trophy to Queen Noor in recognition of her role in supporting pioneering voluntary work.

Addressing the celebration was

the director of Al Hussein Youth City, Dr. Aref Bataineh, who paid tribute to Queen Noor for her leading role in achieving the welfare of Jordanian citizens.

He pointed out that Noor Al Hussein Foundation was one of the many evidences of Queen Noor's interests in realising a hrighter future for Jordan. Bataineh thanked the Queen

for being patron of the celebra-

tion and for honouring the hlood

The society Chairman, Janet Mirza, who is also the director of



Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday presents an award to one of the blood donors at Al Hussein Ynuth City in Amman (Petra photo)

the Blood Bank, said that bloood of the meaning of genuine bedonation to save the life of a linging, and is the best feature of citizen is the true interpretation a civilised community.

The celebration was attended Development Minister Zuhair

hy Her Royal Highness Princess Malhas and Planning Minister Alia Al Faisal, Health and Social Ziad Fariz.

NHF organises 5-day course on scriptwriting

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Noor Al (UNRWA), private voluntary Communications for Child Surival Project (Healthcom) is organising a five-day training course in scriptwriting for development communication start-

ing Saturday.
The course, which is held in cooperation with the Washington-based Academy for Educational Development (AED), will be conducted by two internationla experts, Ms. Esta de Fossard, AED senior communications officer, and Dr. Taher Al Amouri, a Tunisian specialist in communication and the design and implementation of training programmes.

Fifteen persons will take part in the course including radio and television scriptwriters and health education specialists from the Ministry of Health, United Nations Relief and Wnrks Agency

Hussein Foundation's Health organisations and United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

The workshop will include a definition of developmental communication," advanced skills in message and generic scriptwriting for behaviour change; techniques to reflect sensitivity to targetgroup environment, attitudes and language and check-lisis for effective utilisation of audience research data.

Ms. de Fossard is an Australian residing permanently in the United States. Since 1984, she has heen working with AED in all areas of development communications, including project planning; conducting seminars and workshops; evaluating projects, organising and running training programmes; writing and producing communications-re-lated audio, video and print

munication components of developmental projects, "the Planning Process for Development Communication," a book on translating scientific concepts for the lay audience, and a number of articles published in Asia Calling and Development Communication Report.

She also wrote 13 textbooks in language, arts, logic and clear thinking; 14 children's hooks, many of which have also been published in several languages, including Greek, Groatian, Italian and Turkish; the Koala series of fables about. Australian animals; and the Alien, a novel.

Dr. Taher Al Amouri is a Tunisian specialist who studied at the Saint Cyr Military Academy and the Sorbonne in France. He has taught psychology at

higher educational institutions She has written a training and at the military academy in Tunisia. He is the director of the Tunisia. He is the director of the Al Amouri Institute of Applied Psychology, a private establishment specialising in audience and community research.

He has written four books in French on various social and psychological topics and he has been president of the Association for Psychological Guidance and Aid since its establishment in

Healthcom is designed to help Jordan increase the impact of its child survival programmes through improved communication. It is jointly funded by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development. It is being implemented by NHF with technical assistance from AED.

Islamic Bank to provide Saudi riyals for pilgrims

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Secretary General Ahmad Helayyel Friday said that the ministry has made contacts with a number of local bankers and held meetings with Central Bank officials to provide the necessary Saudi currency to cover the needs of the carrier companies and the ministry.

At a press conference. Helayyel said that the ministry has agreed with the Central Bank to provide 2,00 Saudi riyals for each prilgrim (Haj). Another agreement has heen

Art Gallery.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

* An art exhibition by Jordanian and Arah artists at Al Wasiti

An art exhibition entitled "Study in Line and Colour" by Dodi

* An exhibition entitled "French Jazz Nawadays" in which

A photo exhibition which includes photos depicting the great

☆ A photo exhibition by August Sander at the Goethe Institute —
5:90 p.m.

LECTURE

☆ A lecture entitled: "The effects of the uprising on culture in the occupied lands" by Dr. Khalil Sawahiri at Abdul Hamid

several videos will be shown at the French Cultural Centre.

role played by the leaders of the Great Arah Revolt at the

time and place with the concerned institutions.

Tabaa at the Petra Bank Art Gallery.

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Shoman Foundation — 6:30 p.m.

reached with the Islamic Bank, wherehy the various bank hranches will provide the necessary Saudi currency for pilgrims and the pilgrim's carrier companies.

On the ministry's preparations for the current Haj season, Helayyel said that the ministry has compiled a list, including names of pilgrims and their places of residence in each of Mecca and According to this list every

pilgrim will know where he will exactly be put up.

For the convenience of pil-grims, Helayyel said, each Haj

will be issued with an identity card, carrying personal information and his residential address in Mecca, Medina, and in the camps

of Mena and Arafah.

He added that the ministry has also issued a pilgrim's directory, including important instructions on health matters and necessary telephone numbers to enable them to contact their families in

The ministry has also provided bracelets, carrying names of pilgrims, names of carrier companies, number of the huses and addresses of the Jordanian teams accompanying pilgrims.

It has also assigned liaison

officers from among the Jardanian teams accompanying pil-grims, in the various places in Mecca, Medina and Mena to provide the necessary help for pilgrims when needed.

A total of 14,937 Jurdanian pilgrims will be performing pilgrimage this year. The first convoy of pilgrims, totalling 1,450 pilgrims, will be leaving on June 25, while the second, the third and the fourth, each totalling 4,000 pilgrims, will be leaving nn June 26th, 27th and 28th respectively.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HOT ICE PERFORMANCE: His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein has attended a musical performance by the band Hot Ice presented at the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Auditorium. The proceeds will go to the Friends of the Liver Patients Society. (Petra)

QASEM MEETS RIGHTS GROUP: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem has received a delegation representing the U.S. Human Rights Commission, currently on a visit to Jordan as part of a tour tn the region. The director general of the Palestinians Affairs Department at the Foreign Ministry also received the visiting delegation. (Petra)

GREAT ARAB REVOLT EXHIBITION: Youth Minister Awad Khleifat Thursday inaugurated the Great Arah Revolt exhibition, which was held at Al Hussein Youth City Palace of Culture to mark the Great Arab Revolt Day. The exhibition, organised by the Youth Ministry, in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archive, includes several pavillions, one for photos of the late Sherif Hussein Ibn Ali, one for his sons and another for the most important events, a fourth one for the Great Arah Revolt men and a fifth for historical events dealing with the

King voices satisfaction with RJ standards, achievements

Ghandour: Air carrier to leave \$77m surplus

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday presided over a board meeting for Royal Jordanian airline to hear a report by its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ali Ghandour on the air carrier's operations and development.

The King express his deep satisfaction with the activities of the Royal Jordanian (RJ) which. he said, is a national institution that serves as Jordan's amhassador to the world and a hridge to bolster the Kingdom's cultural and trade ties with the outside

King Hussein said that the airline which started off with a modest capital has now attained high standards and accomplished numerous achievements.

The King expressed his total confidence in Ghandour and the Royal Jordanian staff and said he was pleased with the airline's

development and progress.

Ghandour briefed the meeting on the airline's future strategy and nutlined the Royal Jordanian operations.

The board discussed financial affairs, including operational plans for 1989 and a number of internal affairs. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Meanwhile Ghandour said in an interview that the national air carrier expects to collect \$314 million and JD 28 million in 1989 compared to \$300 million and JD 20 million in 1988.

He said in an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the airline's general expenses were expected to reach \$227 million and JD 50 million, thus leaving a \$77 million surplus in foreign exchange.



His Majesty King Hussein Thursday presides over a Royal Jordanian board meeting in Amman (Petra

Ghandour said Royal Jurdanian's fleet of 17 modern aircraft reaches 46 capitals around the world, thus further bolstering Jordan's economic, cultural, trade and political ties with the world community.

Last year the airline trans-ported 1.4 million passengers, many of whom were tourists who spent nearly \$239 million in Jnrdan, according to Central Bank of Jordan figures, Ghandour noted.

He said that the Royal Jorda-nian has now sold its old aircraft only to replace them with modern craft like the Airbus and the Tri

The new planes, he explained, have been financed through hank loans and that the Royal Jordanian has been playing off the debts from the sale of old aircraft. Ghandour noted that the national airline's current deht now

stands at \$120 million which were originally obtained by the airline tn set up income generating projects like hotels and training

But he emphasised that the loans are being settled from the airline's nwn revenues and not from the Jordanian Treasury.

Mr. Ghandour disclosed that the airline's current assets are estimated at JD 60 millinn, nearly three times its paid up capital, and has numerous investments designed to augment its annual

The airline's general operations. Ghandour pointed ont, has actively contributed to the tourism industry in Jordan, "thanks to the efforts of its numerous offices around the world which help market the Kingdom's archaeological and touristic sites under an agreement with the

Indeed the national airline serves as a hridge to promnte understanding and develop the country's relations with the Arah and foreign countries at different

levels, the airline's chief noted. He said that RJ opereates a training centre, "one of the best in the region, and provides maintenance services at its workshops to Arah and foreign air-

Ghandour said that the national airline employs 5,150 workers who support 25,000 citizens. paying them altogether some JD 23 million in annual salaries that is almost twice the airline's initial

capital. Ghandour said that the airline has never ceased the process of continued development and upgrading the skill of its personnel with a view to maintaining its highest standard, efficiency and distinguished services.

Symposium discusses impact of Islamic life on social and health development

AMMAN (Petra) - Health and academy in the area of Islamic in opening the such a short period of time.

At the conclusion of its meetsymposium on patterns of Islamic life and their impact on social and health development, held on the sidelines of the 7th conference of Royal Academy for Islamic Civi-sented during the previous symlisation Research (Al Al Bayt posia. Foundation).

'Addressing the symposium. Malhas said that the last five decades have witnessed the conquering of many communicable diseases, by discovering their causes and remedies, and developing the necessary vaccines against them. However, new epidemics and increasing numbers of non-communicable diseases have now appeared, hut no sufficient response has yet been received."

Malhas noted that many noncommunicable diseases are closely related to the patterns of life or

the daily practices of people. Malhas pointed out that there was a drop of 2 per cent in the heart diseases in the United States over the last fifteen years, because of a change in the nutritional practices and personal hahits, following a massive official campaign, stated hy the health and information circles.

Also addressing the symposium was Hussein Al Gezairi, reginnal director of the World Health Organisatin (WHO) East Mediterranean Reginnal Office, who outlined the importance of the primary health care approach in directing people to the right

Gezairi also stressed the importance of health education and health communications in changing people's practices.
He called for innovating

methods capable of correcting the passive patterns of life. Director of the Islamic Orga-

nisation for Medical Sciences (IOMS) Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said that Islam has called on Muslims to safeguard their health and entrusted the community with the task of looking after its own health and that of the

The four-day symposium is organised by WHO in cooperation with Al Al Bayt Foundation and the IOMS. On Thursday, the symposium

on Prophet Mohammad's traditions (Sunna) and its contribution towards huilding knowledge and civilisation, held within the framework of the 7th conference Al Al Bayt Foundation, praised the age of the Iraq Iran peace drive.

ings, the symposium stressed the need for utilising and huilding nn all researches and studies pre-

Participants stressed the need for compiling all works on Sunna and publishing them for easy reference, and for finalising the

indexes in accordance with the mic life. Sunna words and subjects.

They also recommended that the Academy, in cooperation with all institutions concerned, hold a symposium to draw up a comprehensive plan for the uses of computer in the field of Sunna.

They also recommended that

Sonna be taught at the various

volumes on Hadith (Prophet Arah and Islamic universities and Social Development Minister
Zuhair Malhas Friday, stood in for His Royal Highness Crown

The Mohammad's sayings), Hadith scientific institutions, in a method appreciation to it for the studies and research it has undertaken in such a short period of time.

Mohammad's sayings), Hadith capable of highlighting its contribution towards shaping up Isla-

At the end of their meetings, participants cabled thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Corwn Prince Hassan for their efforts in serving the Islamic nation. They also expressed gratitude to King Hussein for opening the conference.



Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad

Al Lawzi and his accompanying delegation are seen in Ahu Dhabi (Petra photo)

Arab parliamentarians give full support to Jordanian suggestions

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament. Ahmad Al Lawzi and the accompanying parliamentary delegation returned home Thursday after taking part in the 5th Arah Parliamentary Union (APU) conference, which concluded in Ahu Dhahi Wednesday.

In an arrival statement, Lawzi said the Jordanian delegation has. played a distinctive role in the conference deliberations and has received the full support of other parliamentary delegations "for its perceptions and constructive suggestions, which serve the Arah interests.1

Lawzi noted that the conference had adopted a number of recommendations on pan-Arah causes, including the Palestine question, the Lehanese crisis and

On the Palestinian scene, Lawzi said the APU has called for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East, describing such a conference as the best formula for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and safeguarding the legitimate Palestinian rights.

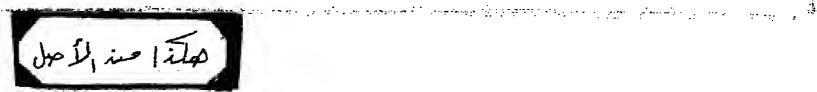
The conference also voiced support for the Palestinan uprising in the occupied Arah territories, called for establishing a just and durable peace between Iran and Iraq and stressed the need for supporting Lebanon to get nut nf its crisis.

Lawzi added that the Parliamentarians have agreed that the APU resolutions and recommendations be published and communicated through the Arah media to all Arah countries.

The APU further recommended that Arah issues be discussed at the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) meetings, due to be held in London next September and that Euro-Arah and Afro-Arah dialogue as well as dialogue with Latin American and Asian parliamentarians be pursued.

Lawzy reiterated that Arab Parliamentarians have unanimously agreed on all decisions and recommendations made at the conference and that no differences have surfaced during the conference.

The Jordanian-Parliamentary delegation included senate members Ahmad Tarawneh and Mohammad Rasourl Al Kilani, as well as Fayez Nuwwar and Sufian Al Hassan from the APU General Secretariat staff.



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Al Ra'i on Friday said that the Israeli government is showing its concern over the prospect that the European Community could be preparing to call for an international conference to solve the Middle East conflict. The paper said that What is irking the Israelis is the cold reaction displayed by the Europeans to the Shamir elections plan in the occupied territories because the Europeans realise that only through the international conference can the problem be settled. Jordan, the paper noted, has been reminding the international community that the Israeli plan in its present form cannot meet the requirements of a permanent peace and that going ahead with the Shamir proposal was nothing hut a waste of time. It said that elections should he free and held without the presence of Israel's occupation forces and that the PLO should be involved if the aspired peace is to be achieved. But as the Europeans and the Arabs see the situation, Shamir is more concerned with perpetuating Israel's occupation than giving the Palestinians any rights in their own homeland and therefore an international conference should be convened to find an accept-

Al Dustour daily criticised Israel's policies and condemned its repressive measures in the occupied Palestinian land. The deportation of Arah citizens, the demolition of homes and the killing of innocent civilians expose the false claims of the Israelis that they are concerned with genuine peace, the paper said. The atrocities committed hy the Jewish settlers, the paper noted, are a source of shame even to the Jews themselves and have been condemned hy many Israeli people. Against all this hackground Yitzhak Rahin and his generals are not heeding any one's protest and are going ahead with their iron fist policy to quell the intifada and stifle the spirit of resistance, the paper noted. It said that the international community in general and those who hrag about the human rights in the United States ought to realise the seriousness of the situation in the Arab land and to move to put an end to such

the international level to expose Israel's actions against the Palestinian people. It said that while Arah envoys are husy and involved in international gatherings to talk about the atrocities, the Iraelis are escalating their repressive measures in the occupied lands. The Israelis are not heeding any calls for peace and are not giving any regard to any protest from any source as long as they are assured of continued United States assistance and backing at the Security Council, the paper noted. It said that since Washington holds all the cards, it is futile for the Arabs to continue their campaigns outside Washington and should now direct their attention to the Bush administration to belp solve the chronic problem.

Ethnic unrest: Gorbachev's most serious problem

By Peter Conradi Reuter

MOSCOW - Ethnic unrest is emerging as one of the most intractable problems facing President Mikhail Gorbachev as he struggles to reform the Soviet

At least 200 people have been killed and more than 2,000 injured over the last 18 months in nationalist violence in the three Caucasian republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in Soviet Central Asia.

These outbreaks are becoming almost a fact of life these days," said a Western diplomat Tuesday as details hegan to emerge of clashes in the Kazakh-stan city of Novy Uzen in which at least three people have died over the last few days.

"Last week it was Uzbekistan, this week Kazakhstan who knows where it will be next?"

The diplomat explained: "It is a mixture of demands for political freedom prompted by glasnost, economic problems and a decline of ideology among young

For Gorbachev, the emerg-ence, one after the other, of nationalist problems presents an unwelcome diversion from his main tasks of revolutionising Soviet foreign policy and dragging the country's floundering economy out of depression.

And the problem is compounded by the growth of nationalist demands in the Baltic republics, in Moldavia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine, where tens or even hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets in largely peaceful

The underlying causes of the unrest have varied, although they have been linked by a common thread of growing economic crisis across the Soviet Union which amplifies tensions between the republics' ethnically and re-

ligiously mixed populations. The new more liberal atmosphere which has gradually emerged since Gorbachev took over in March 1985 has also given people a new freedom to go out on the streets and make their

But force appears to have remained the preferred means of dealing with almost all manifestations of unrest since Gorbachev faced his first outhreak of nationalist violence in the Kazakh capital of Alma Ata in December

And, as speakers from various of the 15 Soviet republics made

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clear at the inaugural session of the parliament, the congress of people's deputies, which ended this month, the problems have remained almost entirely unresolveď.

For Gorbachev, continuing outbreaks of unrest present an unwelcome diversion from what he sees as his main tasks of revolutionising the Soviet Union's foreign policy and dragging the country's floundering eco-

nomy out of depression. A potent mixture of religious and ethnic differences and economic problems appeared to be hehind unrest in the last 18 months over the underdeveloped mountainous enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

More than 90 people were killed last year and several hundred injured in clashes sparked hy demands hy the Armenian majority of the region for it to be transferred from Azerbaijan to Armenia.

In characteristic manner, troops and tanks were sent both into Nagorno-Karabakh itself and to the capitals of both republics, ensuring that there has been no repetition in the last few months of last year's violence.

However, an attempt to find a compromise solution which would give the region more autonomy without changing borders has clearly failed to satisfy demands of the Karabakh Armenians, who began a new campaign of strikes last month.

Force was also applied, but this time with tragic consequences, in neighbouring Georgia where nationalist groups staged a series of round-the clock demonstrations in April to press demands for more autonomy or even inde-

Early in the morning of April troops armed with sharpened shovels and poisonous gas moved in to clear a square in the centre of the capital, Tbilisi, where some 8,000 were gathered, and killed 20 people, 16 of them women.

In contrast, troops apparently helped keep down the death toll in Uzbekistan's Fergana Valley. where almost 100 people were officially reported dead and some 1,500 injured this month when Uzbeks hunted down minority Meskhetian Turks.

Yet even here, the authorities' hands were not entirely clean. Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who went to Fergana last week to try and soothe passions, accused local officials of active involvement in stirring up the unrest, the worst single outbreak in decades

COMING as it does in the wake of Israel's most recent escalation of its oppressive policies against the Palestinian Intifada, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's admission before the Knesset Wednesday that the Palestinian aprising constitutes the most complex confrontation in Israel's history offers some avenues for hope. In Rabin's own words there were no ready-made cures for the Palestinian struggle and all proposed Likud recipes such as deportations are simply not workable as the protracted conflict is with all of the Palestinian people. If Rabin and like-minded Israelis are beginning now to comprehend the depth of the Palestinian intifada, and the impossibility of putting out the fire that animated the Palestinians in the occupied territories, would it not be in order and even in Israel's long term interest to start contemplating new thinking and perspective on how to stop the intifada, namely, by reconciling themselves with the proposition that nothing will stop the struggling Palestinians from continuing to wage their struggle for liberty and self-determination except the realisation of their legitimate aspirations as internationally recognised and approved. The longer the Israeli body politic waits for magic cures the easier it would become for the Israeli extremism to capitalise on the bankruptcy of existing Israeli policies and bring in new leadership such as the likes of Ariel Sharon who already earned Israel the hardest ever debacle when he engineered the invasion of Lebanon in 1982. Surely every sensible men and women in Israel fully comprehend that the rise of extremism in Israel would inevitably lead to war with the Arab countries. And with the advent of rocketry and weapons of mass-destruction in the Middle East, any war that may crupt between Israel and its neighbouring Arab countries would necessarily precipitate a conflagration the like of which no Israeli or Arab generation has yet seen. The choice thus is for Israelis to make: Either to keep on closing their eyes to the truth and allow extremism to flourish and instigate war and destruction on a scale bitherto unknown, or accept to enter into a full-fledged political dialogue with the Palestinians. This is in essence the message that the Israeli people must see clearly before it is too late for all the

Waleed — Al Dustour

Sawt Al Shaab daily referred to the Arah League's endeavours at

START talks: No reductions for reductions' sake

By Jan M. Lodal ROCKVILLE, Maryland - After a six-month suspension, the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks resumed 19th June amid high expectations generated by a series of dramatic moves in arms control. But without modifications in the U.S. negotiating position, certain provisions of the START could violate the Hi pocratic Oath of arms control: a

treaty should do no harm.

The harm could be done if George Bush continues Ronald Reagan's emphasis on the unachievable goal of getting rid of all nuclear weapons. This emphasis could channel weapons modernisation in directions that. undermine stability, making war more likely.

Nuclear stability depends heavily on large and diverse nuclear arsenals in both countries that make a disarming first-strike impossible. While the existing START pact would not immediately endanger stability, it could set precedents that might make future agreements more difficult to reach. Two relatively small changes in the U.S. negotiating stance could largely eliminate those problems.

First, the existing START limit with multiple warheads, perhaps

should apply only to systems car-rying multiple nuclear weapons either missiles with multiple warheads or bombers with cruise missiles - and not to singlewarhead missiles.

As agreed to date, START will allow each side 4,900 warheads. The greatest stability would be warheads over an equal number of "aim points." Namely, each side would have 4,900 warheads and 4,900 launchers. That is because offensive weapons are not perfectly reliable, and it would take two or more warheads to destroy each single-warhead weapon. Since the attacker would use up more weapons in a strike than it destroyed, it would be left with a less favourable balance of forces after the attack. As a result, there would be no incen-

tive to attack in the first place. By limiting launchers to 1,600, the START treaty would prevent the two sides from spreading their 4,900 warheads over an equalnumber of launchers. To avoid this, the treaty should exempt single-warhead missiles from the 1,600 limit while simultaneously lowering the ceiling on launchers

of 1,600 on weapons launchers to 1,000. Taken together, the two measures would provide strong incentive to eliminate multiplewar head missiles and build new single-warhead missiles.

The United States also should reconsider its position on mobile intercontinental-range hallistic missiles. Until now, Washington has insisted that all such systems hanned. Yet, the United States is continuing to develop two mohile systems; a rail-mobile MX system, which would closely resemble the Soviet 10-warhead rail-mohile SS-24, and the mobile Midgetman, much like the Soviet single-warhead SS-25.

Both U.S. programmes are in trouble in Congress. The railmohile MX is particularly threatened. Many in Congress oppose both the 10-warhead MX missile and the idea of moving nuclear weapons on the U.S. civilian rail system in times of crisis. The rail-mobile MX will have a hard time surviving budget pressures, even if it is permitted by START.

There is a strong case to be made for hanning large, mobile, multiple-warhead missiles, such as the SS-24, while droppinng the proposed han on single-warhead mohile ICBMs. Single-warhead

Reuter

Sri Lanka: Resorting to emergency

By Rajendra Bajpai

COLOMBO - Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, fighting challenges to his authority, used the only option available to him when he decided to reimpose a state of emergency, analysts said Wednesday.

Few were willing to hazard a guess whether he would succeed in controlling the situation with. the emergency powers which allow the military to detain people without trial:

Premadasa introduced emergency rule last Tuesday after a crippling hus strike lonked like spreading to other sectors in the build-up to a nationwide general

Sinhalese guerrillas of the People's Liberation Front (JVP) are suspected of being hehind the rash of strikes in Colombo and

anti-government protests. It was not immediately clear. whether the military armed with its sweeping powers was preparing to crack down on the Sinhalese militants in their southern strongholds.

But a senior military officer hased in Matara in the south said the army was stepping up its operation.

Nearly 24 hours after the proclamation of emergency, buses were still off the road in Colombo and there was minimal military preReggie, Siriwardene of the Institute of Ethnic Studies said the government was left with no option but to hring back the state of emergency which Premadasa lifted in January after more than

"His (Premadasa's) hand has been forced. He did not have much choice in the matter," Siri-. wardene said.

The emergency rule under former President Junius Jayewardene was widely criticised by hnman rights activists and Premadasa promised during the election campaign last year he would revoke it as soon as he came to

Political analyst Ralph Buultjens of the State University of New York said Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi should he hlamed in part for forcing the government to take the decision.

Anti-Indian sentiment on the island has escalated to new heights because of the presence of Indian troops invited two years ago to quell a rebellion by minority Tamils in the north and east.

Premadasa has asked India to withdraw its troops before the end of next month but New Delhi has said they would leave when the terms of the accord under which they came were implemented.

The government has opened talks with the Tamil Tigers, the powerful separatist guerrilla force, in a hid to reach a political settlement hut has failed to persuade JVP to talk peace.

Last Wednesday, parliament's speaker Haniffa Mohamed made a fresh unconditional appeal for talks to the JVP, saying the country was "facing the gravest

Buultjens said if India bas agreed to pull out its troops, it would have helped Premadasa in defusing the tension. "India is not disposed towards helping Presi-

dent Premadasa," he added.
"There is a confluence of crises," Buultjens said. Pointing to the country's growing economic problems, lack of direction in foreign policy and the JVP's armed campaign. Western diplomatic sources

said it was difficult to say whether the government would succeed in controlling the situation even with the help of emergency powers.

The government recently imposed restrictions on imports of luxury goods and raised interest rates in a hid to squeeze credit.

"Last Tuesday, bankers reported hot pursuit of funds in the interbank call market to huy dollars on rumours that the rupees might be devalued.

Security sources said five Indian soldiers and two Tamil Tigers were killed in separate clashes in northern Vavuniya district also

Gandhi's row with neighbours

By Moses Manoharan

Reuter NEW DELHI — A hitter row with Sri Lanka over withdrawal of Indian troops from the island and a trade war with Nepal threaten to overshadow Prime

Minister Rajiv Gandhi's early diplomatic successes in an election Analysts said last Tuesday the two issues gave the opposition a chance to make Gandhi's Congress (I) Party's foreign policy record a major issue for the first time in a general election, which Gandhi must call hy the end of

On Sri Lanka, Gandhi has reiected President Ranasinghe Premadasa's demand for the pullont by July 29 of 45,000 troops of the Indian Peace-Peeking Force

tween Gandhi and Premadasa's predecessor, Junius Jayewar-

On Nepal, Gandhi has refused to renew trade arrangements which control the entry of nearly all imports into the landlocked Himalayan kingdom from India because of perceived moves to improve ties with China.

India's best-known opposition leader, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, has already said he intends to make Sri Lanka and Nepal part of his campaign platform for the

The opposition will focus criticism on the loss of nearly 1,000 Indian soldiers in operations carried ont by the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) against Tamil rebels, said former foreign secretary A.P. Venkateswaran.

"The main concern of the Indian government is that it has no (IPKF) sent under an accord be-

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way of justifying the issue to the public - what we have achieved there hy sending our troops, hy losing so many Indian lives and spending (millions) of rupees."

"These are questions that are bound to be asked after the withdrawal is completed and particularly during an election cam-

paign," Venkateswaran said.
The troops, sent to Sri Lanka
to disarm Tamil rebels nuder the 1987 accord, are now in danger of. turning into an occupation force, said Ashis Nandi.

Newspaper reports from Col-. ombo, unconfirmed by the Sri Lankan government, say Sri Lanka may take the issue to the U.N. Security Council or the International Court at the Hague if India refuses to comply with the July 29 deadline.

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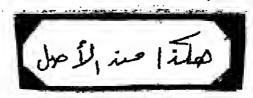
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By Hind-Lara Mango Special to the Jordan Times

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AMMAN - In order to fulfil its aims, the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF) encourages the participation of the public in social development plans. The Fund's services include opening centres in rural and deprived areas, and to house in each a kindergarten. "A child needs to learn through acting and working. Now-a-days we make use of a child's playing by using it as a tool for teaching, as is the case with drama says Rabab Qubbaj, kindergarten supervisor

Accordingly, the Fund recently held a seminar on 'Drama in Education'. The aim was to introduce drama in education as a new subject area emphasising its theoretical basis, and some practical applications. "The Fund realised that the courses it was offering teachers were becoming repetitive because of the courses's general nature. So we (at the Fund) decided to hold more specialised lectures" says Qubbaj who was the supervising officer at the seminar. So as to train teachers in early

childhood education, the fund beld a series of workshops in its centres in Ma'an, Tafileh, and El-Nuzha, Basically, the seminar is an end result of this period of training held with the teachers who work in the Fund's rural centres. It was apparent that professionals and non-professionals alike had no clear concept of drama in education, and its introduction in the scholastic curriculum as a tool for teaching.

At the seminar six working papers were presented. "The Phenomena of Drama was discussed by Mufid Hawamdeh, another 'Drama and Psychology' hy Dr.

Abdel-Rahim Sweilim, 'Puppets and Education' by Margo Malati-ilian, and 'Drama and Sociology' by Dr. Fakhry Koustandi, Samar Dudin Karajah also discussed her paper on 'Drama in Education' and Patrick Redsell talked about 'Drama in Education' as an En-

glish experience. Redsell explained about the models of the English curriculum that are designed and applied in various schools in England concerned with drama in education. For he has twenty years of experience in teaching, training teachers, and writing books on this subject.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Karajah said that the seminar was important because it clarified some points of confusion. For one thing, drama in education was defined as "Anything that involves people in active role taking situations in which attitudes are the chief concern lived at life rate. It is a process involving discovery from moment to moment, and prob-lem-solving as the basis of learn-She further explained that In drama a child plays a role in order to understand or learn a specific thing. The power of drama io education lies in the fact that it actively involves children in the learning process; as a child acts out the role of a farmer, for example, he is not only learning facts about what a farmer does, or how he lives, he is also gaining human experience by practicing language spontaneously, and ad-justing to the situation.

Also discussed at the seminar was the role that a teacher undertakes. He is concerned in creating learning areas through which children can explore themes and situations like oppression. friendship, family relationships, and political issues. A teacher ing closely at points of human tension, and converting the abstract into concrete.

Other areas clarified that related to drama in education were theatre in education, and children's theatre. These are two professional entities where actors perform plays for children. In theatre in education teacheractor teams perform plays that evolve from the curriculum, or from a theme that concerns a specific age group,

It was concluded that drama is important in the development of verbal skills, problem solving and decision making, self-confidence, and the capacity to assess and analyse. Drama also stimulates the imagination and helps a child in becoming more disci-

In addition, demonstrations were held by local drama teachers at the seminar. From the Amman Baccalaureate School Hala Khoury gave a practical demon-stration, as did Juliet 'Awad from Amman El-Watanieh

According to Quhhaj the seminar was a success because "in our meetings attendence decreases, so that hy the third day few people come. This time however, a committee that will carry out the recommendations. This way, our seminar will have achieved its purpose and not have been merely ink on paper.'

the integration of drama in our school subjects or as an individual subject and studying how this can be achieved in the long run.

difficult to get permission to go shopping in Petauke. 70

Officials say these essential items are scarce all over Zambia,

The brand-new ploughs and tools, hammer mills and expertly-

drilled water holes at Ukwimi, all

provided hy foreign aid, are lux-uries rarely seen in Zambian vil-

Officials admit the refugees'

But Lund said local Zambians

declined to participate in his farm

training programme, which in-

cludes coaching in bow keep pigs,

worked as farmhands for the en-

terprising Mozambicans, be

"We will be seeing a situation in the future in which Zambians

will be working for Mozambi-cans," Lund said.

UNHCR officials say the

Ukwimi refugees are the luckiest of more than half a million people.

Performances: 3:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 p.m.

A few Zambians had already

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we started out with 56 participants and ended up with 82 on the last day. The discussions were scrious and objective, the Ministry of Education is going to form

Recommendations included

the choice of keeping only the bigger fish."

Max's friend, Safronyo Balagdas, even remembers catching

fish with his bare hands. But today Filipino fishing people like them are deeply concerned about their future. In a country of over 7,000 islands,

fishing provides a livelihood for an estimated six million Filipinos and also gives poor families a significant source of cheap pro-

This way of life is increasingly under threat, as Mendoza explains: "Our inland fishing conditions are becoming endnagered by polluting factories which make the fish in our rivers more and more rare; whereas formerly we had the choice of catching one kilo of fish, now it is rare for us to catch 250 grams — I mean one

smaller and smaller."

Just east of the capital, about 70,000 people depend on the fishing in Lake Laguna for their living. This lake, which was thought to be the richest in the country, is now ringed by over 400 industrial establishments and is slowly dying, according to Deanna Lichaocho of Pamala-

"About 245 of these factories are highly pollutive," she says. "Some have no waste treatment

ded a virus in it. Or someone with access to a computer's passwords NEW YORK — Computer exmight transmit a virus to a comperts in the United States are puter system over telephone exploring a variety of cures for the nation's epidemic of compu-

By John Markoff

ter viruses, but they see no sure

way to stop outbreaks that

threaten all but the most isolated

and elaborately protected sys-

Some experts say the threat is

so acute it may force a rethinking

of the growing dependence on both large and small computers. Infections by viruses, program-

mes that can secretly spread be-

tween computers and alter or

destroy data, bave increased dra-

For example, the software

trade association Adapso reported in March that there were

30,000 virus infections in the last

two months of 1988, as against

,000 in the first two mooths of

Software experts have devised

number of techniques to ward

off, detect and destroy viruses.

But they concede that almost all

Further, efforts to make com-

puter systems more secure inevit-

ably reduce their flexibility and

there is no silver bullet." said

John B. Landry, an executive

vice president of Cullinet Software

Inc. and an Adapso executive.

the growing use of computers,

electronic bulletin boards and

public and private computer net-

"In recent years a lot of people

became infaruated with what they

could do with computers," said

Eugene H. Spafford, a Purdue

University computer scientist

who has been involved in fighting

viruses, "We bave to pause and

ask. 'Do we really want every-

body in the country connected on

single computer network'?"

system in several ways.

Viruses can enter a computer

For example, a disgruntled em-

ployee might introduce a virus

that modifies programming lan-

guage so that it alters or destroys

data. Or users who copy software

from electronic bulletin boards

might unwittingly pick up a prog-ramme whose author had imbed-

The problem is worsened by

"From a technical perspective

systems remain vulnerable.

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ease of use.

Once inside the computer, a virus might erase all a user's data. cause a particular message to appear on computer screens, or duplicate itself, clogging the compuler's memory.

Researchers are most frightened by viruses that make minor modifications, like altering numbers in a spread sheet, thereby introducing errors that might never be noticed.

Researchers have taken several approaches to block virus entry or "vaccinate" computers so that users are notified when a virus is

Also, many companies have drastically restricted employee access to computer systems or barred the use of borrowed or copied software. Others bave broken up computer networks so that a virus cannot travel from system to system.

Some companies maintain their own security forces, which monitor computer systems to watch for viruses

For example, Clifford Stoll, an astronomer at Lawrence Berkeley Labaratory in California, was monitoring a group of com-puters there when he discovered that a Wester German computer hacker had entered the system through an international computer network.

Other companies have been established to perform such surveillance. And several federal agencies have set up teams to look for loopholes in computer systems and respond quickly to rus attacks. In the end, however, most ex-

perts acknowledge that no system absolutely secure unless it is physically and electronically isolated from potential sources of infection. The virus plague has led to calls

from software industry leaders and legislators for strict new laws to punish virus authors. But computer experts warn

equipment at all and the facilities

their industrial waste poses se-

hazards to individuals and

Pollution of inland waters is

further aggravated by intensive

agricultural practices which re-lease pesticides and fertilisers into rivers and lakes, also killing

Another major problem for

lake fishermen is the poliferation

of fishpens. These are areas of

that tougher laws may have little was written on. Many software publishers have impact on a shadowy internationcomputer underground that clandestinely releases the prog-

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Applied to other disks, the anti-viral

program can identify contaminated

Identifying Electronic Contamination

dishing characteristics are extracted

director for Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility. For one thing, computer experts say, it is almost impossible to track computer viruses unless their authors inadvertently identify themselves or actually brug about But the companies acknow-

They leave no fingerprints and can be let loose in a variety of ways that are virtually undetect-

their work.

A screen for infection

Once vital characteristics are

identified, designers can write

programs to watch for them

They might include unusual

instructions to modify coding

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people in Washington to think

that there is a legal fix here," said

Marc Rotenberg, Washington

avan instructions to print massages like Gotchal

Computer viruses thwart experts

Viral strains are collected

It is virtually impossible to tell where a virus came from or even what kind of computer system it

increased quality control procedures and are testing software more vigorously for fear that

market. Several dozen companies have

published vaccines to protect against viruses. They generally work by keeping track of key operating system software and interrupting operation when modifications are made.

ledge that the protection they offer is limited, largely because virus writers can design viruses ro circumveot them.

In fact, virus experts suggest that vaccine programmes may actually compound the problem by offering an intellectual challeoge to rogue programmers. Already a number of virus programmes have been "mutated" to avoid vaccine programmes.

The vaccines "give people a

false sense of security," said Roben M. Frankston, chief scientist at the Lotus Development Corp. in Cambridge, Mas-

Curing the infection

A skilled programmer can erase

the virus or the vaccine can do it

Ultimately, advances in computer design may limit the spread of viruses, computer researchers

Mainframe and minicomputers have traditionally been less vulnerable than personal computers because they contain sophisticated hardware and software memory protection features. For example, hardware available in advanced systems limits the areas in which a programme can operate. In the future, this feature will be available in personal computers, making the spread of viruses more difficult - The New York

Small fry fighting the big fish in the Philippines

By Amanda Milligan

Pollution from shoreline factories and the practice of commercial fishpen farming threatens the livelihoods of traditional small-scale Filipino fishing people. They are fighting back.

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MANILA - Max Mendoza can remembr a time when fishing was easy in the inland waters around the Philippine capital of Manila: "Fish were plentiful in the river near my house," he "We caught different varieties and species and we had

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kaya, a national movement of small fishermen.

water feneed off largely by small-scale fishermen have resort- 20 different groups around the businessmen and some politicians ed to illegal methods to catch fish. lake. for intensive fishing.

to the other is secously hampered by tishpens and catches have decreased, as Safronyo Balagdas explains: "The most productive parts of Laguna Lake where we go the best catches are now occupied by fishpens and the shallow of others are poorly maintained; parts of the navigational lanes are very near the shore line where rious environmental and health there are no longer any fish because of the pollution from the factories.

> Many fishermen feel desperate. "What I fear most is that I know oo other source of income adn I don't know how to fend for my family," says Antonio Amarabte. "I know the lake is dying and fishing is the only thing I can

Largely due to the pressures, some

or intensive fishing.

These include dynamiting, electro

Deanoa Lichaucho explains
fishing (electrocuring fish with a that, as a Pamalakaya worker, she battery and metal rod), poisons helps to establish and strengthen and the practice of trawling the river hed which destroys breeding grounds.

As the situation has steadily worsened in reeent years, the traditionally solitary fishing people have begun to organise and fight back. Pamalakaya was established in 1986 and is a national alliance of fishing peoples' organisations with a mem-

small risking organisations which work to protect the livelihood of their members and to lobby for their concerns.

"The value to them of being part of Pamalakaya is that their problems, even if they are big, become lighter because they are solved as a group," she says.

Fishiog people and the local community have been banding bership of about 50,000. The together and approaching factor-Laguna Bay chapter started in ies, urging them not to pollute the July 1987 and is now in touch with water and kill the fish_PANOS

Mozambican refugees become prosperous peasant farmers By Pascal Fletcher But the refugees say there is not enough to go round and it is

Reuter

UKWIMI, Zambia - African refugees are usually seen as helpless and homeless, surviving on food handouts from aid organisa-

But not at L'kwimi. in Zambia's eastern province, where refugues from the civil war in Mozambique are not only growing enough to feed themselves hut are producing surpluses to sell to local Zambians.

Instead of bungry faces queueing for daily food rations. the Ukwimi settlement presents a

picture of rural prosperity.
Wickerwork Silos bulging with fat maize cobs and well-tilled farm plots, or "Machambas," stand beside oeat mud and wood

The refugees' bumper crops of maize, groundnuts and beans are a small but important contribution to the local economy in a country which regularly imports large quantities of food despite its abundance of fertile land.

)nals (It proves that if you give refugees adequate land and supc 660^{5t} port, they are not a liability to the country they live in but they can contribute to the national economy," said Anton Verwey, representative in Zambia of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Nearly a quarter of the 13,000 Mozambicans at Ukwimi, among the first to be settled two years ago, are feeding themselves, and from June will stop receiving food

The sprawling community, carved out of Virgin Bush 100 kilometres north of the border with Mozambique, is now being doubled to area to 300 square kilometres to hold up to 10,000 more refugees expected this year.

instead of the bare tents and barbed-wire fences of many refugee camps. Ukwimi, named after a local chief, consists of 46 separate villages linked by dirt roads through fields or busb. Run by the UNHCR with the Zambian authorities and foreign

houses, a clinic, a skills training centre, two primary schools, and a social club. Self-sufficiency through farm-

aid organisations, it has ware-

ing is the main priority.

Newly-arrived refugee families are given hoses, axcs, seeds and two bectares of land. For the first

two years they receive a daily food ration. Agricultural experts at Ukwimi are amazed by the results and say many of the refugees now have a higher standard of living than the

local Zambian peasants. In their first year at Ukwimi, the Mozambicans produced 117 tonnes of surplus maize which they sold to a local cooperative. This year they are expected to

produce a 2,800 tonne-surplus. Simao Vinte Goncalves, a 41year-old farmer from the Tete province of Mozambique, proudly shows off the 1290 kilogrammes sacks of rice grown on bis plot.
"I only had a small farm in

Mozambique," he said. He and the other refugees have been taught new farming skills by Norwegian farming expert Magne Lund. They have learnt how to use fertilisers, rotate crops and grow soya beans and other new

UNHCR officials hope Ukwimi will be self-sufficient in food by 1991, but some refugees are worried bow they will manage.

Yes, we have enough food but what we need are things like salt, soap, cooking oil and clothes," said 42-year-old Bernardo Gibunda from Maxixe in Mozambique's

Inbambane province, Ukwimi has a small shop that stocks such goods, as well as its own tailors coached at the Dan-

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Syria treads recovery path

DAMASCUS (AP) — A string of oil discoveries in the eastern desert and a new determination to boost the private sector are helping Syria climb out of a deep economic trough.

With the help of Western oil companies, the country this year became a net oil exporter for the first time, with revenues of \$550 million forecast by early 1990.

"Self-sufficiency in energy is something you really appreciate when you've never had it be-fore. Economy Minister Mohammed Imadi said in an in-

"The studies show that we have a continuous oil and gas supply for our needs and a surplus for export whenever we need the foreign exchange," be said.

For the Syrians, whose economy has been in such poor shape it barely had enough foreign exchange to cover one week's imports, the oil flow offers the prospect of hadly needed re-

The modest oil boom has come as Syria struggles to reduce annual inflation of more than 65 per cent and service its \$18 billion foreign debt.

Three-quarters of the debt is owed to the Soviet Union, mostly for arms purchased for strategic

parity with Israel. Oil giants like Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum. Occidental of the United States, and France's Total are among 10 foreign companies involved in ex-

ploring and developing the new fields as quickly as possible.

"It's a high-pressure job because the Syrians are really in a rush to get the oil out of the ground, said one exploration expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The better we do, the more we're asked to do."

Syria has been pumping around 150,000 harrels a day of heavy crude from the Souweidieh fields in the northeast since the early 1970s and mixing it with imported light crude for domestic use.

Prospecting at that time by the country' East Bloc allies brought no results, but advanced technology helped Shell locate the Thayyem fields in 1984.

The new wells are already producing around 200,000 barrels a day of saleable crude, raising overall output to 350,000 barrels a day, more than double the country's needs.

But because the deposits are 'generally small and fractured. exploration will have to be continuous in order to guarantee longterm supplies," the expert

Oil Minister Mutanious Habib recently told the Middle East Economic Survey, an oil industry newsletter, that another 50,000 barrels a day will be added later bananas and French cheeses to

this year from three new fields. He said Syria was "evaluating potential reserves throughout the country" in what he called a 'crucial year" for exploration.

The government has also signed a contract with the U.S. Marathon Company to develop natural gas deposits sonth of ancient Palmyra, to be used instead of oil and bydro-power for

generating electricity. Imadi said that the increased oil output and a record harvest following higher-than-average rainfall helped the economy grow by a staggering 10.7 per cent last

This year, agricultural production will fall sharply because of a winter drought that is already causing water shortages in Damascus. But officials estimate tbat the oil boom will still fuel growth of around 7.2 per cent a

Syria is negotiating barter deals to settle accounts with foreign creditors and cut import bills. Phosphate exports, for example, will pay for importing antihiotics from France and Italy.

A senior government official said that a crackdown on smuggling is working, but that incentives for private husinessmen" to improve industrial production and earn the right to import more are the most effective way" of curbing the blackmarket eco-

Contraband ranging from

clothing and computer software arrives in Syria by the truckload from neighbouring Leabnon. foreign residents of Damascus

Under the new measures, businessmen can use up to 75 per cent of their export earnings to finance imports. They can also go into partnership with the government in tourism, transportation and agri-business projects.

To attract expatriate Syrians to invest at bome, tax incentives and a law allowing husinessmen to transfer earnings abroad are being prepared. There are plans, too, for reviving the Damascus stock market after a quarter-cen-

"It's common sense to have the private sector more actively involved in the economy," Imadi

But Western diplomats predict it will be a while before the Syrian economy takes off.

There is a great commercial tradition here, but because of the complex bureaucracy, and corruption, it can't be revived from one day to the next," one com-

Syrians say they find it bard to manage on salaries that range from 1,250 Syrian pounds (\$63) a month for a taxi-driver to 2,500 (\$125) for a university professor.

The government recently hiked wages by 25 per cent. but gasoline prices immediately jumped by 50 per cent and some foodstuffs by 30 per cent.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

UAE to raise cigarette import tax

ABU DHABI (R) - The United Arah Emirates (UAE) will raise cigarette import tax from 20 to 50 per cent in a bid to boost non-oil revenues and fight smoking, a UAE official has said. He added that the federal cabinet approved the move and it will take effect in all seven emirates that make up the UAE after the ratification of President Zaid Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan. The UAE imports around \$60-\$70 million worth of cigarettes, mostly American and British

Algeria, Belgium resolve gas dispute

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria and Belgium bave formally ended a two-year row over the price of Algerian natural gas exports which marred relations between the two countries. The Algerian APS news agency said the Algerian state-emergey concern Sonatrach and Belgium's Distrigaz bad signed an agreement under which the Belgian government undertook to pay immediately arrears of some \$390 million. APS said Distrigaz had also agreed to increase its purchases of liquefied natural gas to nearer the figure of five billion cubic metres allowed for in the original 1975 contract. Belgium stopped purchases of Algerian gas after Sonatrach declined to revise its prices in line with market conditions. Algeria, one of the world's top natural gas exporters, in January settled a similar dispute with France.

Saudis build refinery in Djibouti

PARIS (R) - Saudi Arabian investors are building a crude oil refinery in the Red Sea state of Djibouti for the reexport of petroleum products, Djibouti's Foreign Minister Moumin Bahdon Farah has said. Djibonti, which bas no oil of its own, would get crude supplies for the 100,000 barrels-per-day refinery from oil producers in the region, mainly North Yemen, Farah told Reuters. He said his government had signed an agreement for the refinery, estimated to cost \$800 million and due for completion in three years. The minister did not give details of the Sandis involved but said the Djibouti government was not a partner. "There is very little demand for petroleum products in our country but we expect to reexport the finished products in the region," be said. The former French colony, strategically placed at the mouth of the Red Sea, aims to build up its warehouse role in the area and bas expanded and modernised its port with Italian aid.

World Bank gives \$610m loan to India

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank has approved \$610 million in new loans for India, including credits it said are intended to hlep "in developing an internationally competitive electronics industry for that nation. Three loans totaling \$210 million will finance part of a \$450-million project to upgrade 80 enterprises in India's electronics and software industry as well as 30 training centres. Those centres are expected to train 4,000 workers each year for the electronics field, the World Bank said in a statement Investments in the project are expected to generate a total of about 12,000 jobs, the statement said. Production of electronics products in India grew at an average annual rate of 22 per cent between 1980 and 1987, reaching nearly \$4 billion in 1987, the World Bank statement said. The three loans will go to the Industrial Bank of India, Industrial Credit and Investment Corp. of India Ltd. and the Indian government. The remainder of the financing will come from the Swiss Development Corp., the Japan Grant Facility and local sources, the announcement said.

Sabena forges alliance with B.A., KLM

Menem plans business-labour unity

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgian carriers Sabena has unveiled a pioneering alliance with British Airways and KLM of the Netheriands, crowning a three-year search for a partner to help it confront mounting competition in Europe.

Share analysts called the deal the broadest cross-border partnersbip reached by national European airlines, adding it could dramatically affect the European industry as a whole.

Sabena Chairman Carlos van Rafelghem said BA and KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) would buy a 20 per cent stake each in a new subsidiary grouping his firm's air transport husiness after a capital increase. It will be called Sabena World Airlines.

He gave no financial details of the deal, but said Sabena would

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Incoming president Carlos Menem, who

takes office July 8, plans to recreate the bases of capitalism in

Argentina through an alliance of business with labour. Menem

Menem's Peronist Party, which

spans a broad political spectrum from left to right, bas its gras-

sroots support among the work-

ing class and trades unions. It

Menem's promised "produc-tive revolution" plans to restore

growth in a productive system

devastated by years of economic

crisis, provide jobs for the coun-

try's one million unemployed and

stem the enormous waste of funds caused by an inefficient public

sector.
"To break this (situation) an

alliance hetween capital and

labour is needed in order to grow

fast, making use of our competi-

tive advantages and adopting an

openly rejects communism.

aides bave said.

but that Luxemhourg's Luxair may also join the deal.

"To this effect Sabena will take the fullest advantage of the liber-alisation of the scheduled airline industry." Van Rafelghem told a news conference.

One analyst, who declined to be named, said the partnership would create a formidable force in the European Community airline industry which competitors could not ignore.

"This could start a series of structural changes for European airlines," the Brussels-based industry analyst said.

'It will increase the urgency of other medium-sized airlines to get partners and it will cause big carriers to reassess their competitive positions on the European continent," he added.

In a show of the importance

given to Argentina's exports, Menem has named economist

Domingo Cavallo the future fore-

American meeting in Caracas at

the weekend his country would

not resume payments, balted in May 1988, on its \$60 billion fore-

ign deht until order had been

restored to the economy.
"All our efforts will be concen-

trated on stopping inflation, which has reached 100 per cent

monthly, putting the public sector

in order and creating conditions

for growth. We'll worry about our creditors afterwards," Caval-

Menem's advisers argue that,

given a minimum salary of

around \$20 per month, union

demands for higher wages could

lo told a press conference.

Cavallo said at a regional Latin

ign minister.

among West European airlines in 1987 on a basis of passengers carried worldwide, has been looking for a foreign alliance for at least three years. ·

The EC, working towards an open air transport market within the 12-nation bloc after 1992, adopted limited measures to deregulate the government-controlled industry in 1987. The EC's executive commission will next month unveil its proposals for a sweeping new round of liberalisa-

Van Rafelghem said the deal would supply Sabena with fresb capital, belp it expand its network, and develop Brussels into a major continental hub.

He said the agreement would also involve so called block space agreements - whereby one air-

aggressive export policy," one of Menem's closest advisers told Reuters.

be satisfied without running the risk of pricing Argentine goods out of world markets.

hated by Peronism's founder Juan Domingo Peron, Bunge and Born has given the movement a

bopes to work out a pact with the

powerful labour groups to limit

new order would be public sector

employees and companies that

depend on the state as their main

The Peronist plan would switch its support and subsidies to the

most dynamic sectors of industry,

particularly those that were ex-

To demonstrate this, Menem

has chosen as his future finance

minister Miguel Roig, a top ex-ecutive of Bunge and Born, one

of the country's biggest con-

Once a symbol of the oligarchy

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strikes for at least two years.

The incoming government

The only ones to lose under the

airline's flight - and code-sharing - which consists of grouping flights of different airlines as one.

BA and KLM meanwhile would gain increased access to Brussels airport, which unlike Britain's strained Heathrow, could double the traffic it bandles given appropriate investment.

Van Rafelghem said the European Commission, which will have vet the plan to ensure it does not violate EC competition rules, would also be notified.

EC sources said Brussels was likely to favour the alliance as long as it did not restrict competition within the Community.

The like-up must also be ratified by the three airline boards and the Belgian parliament but Van Rafelghem expected Sabena World Airlines to start operating

Born has given the movement a

\$2.5 billion advance on future

grain export taxes to help finance

touches to his plan. But details leaked to the press earlier this

month showed it contained far-

reaching tax and public sector

reforms, sharp pay increases and

the replacement of the battered

austral currency, which has lost

65 per cent of its value against the

dollar in the last four months.

governor of an impoverished

north-western province, a plan-

ned doubling of farm exports

over the next few years would

give sufficient capital to enable

industry to switch its emphasis

towards foreign trade.

Despite all-round increases,

salaries would remain low in in-

ternational terms, giving Argenti-

na the edge as it competes in the

world market for manufactured goods, including armaments,

For Menem, the flamboyant

Roig is still putting the final

the early stages of the plan.

Brazil liquidates

BRASILIA (AP) — The government bas liquidated a sixth stock brokerage involved in an unprecedented financial scandal that rocked Brazilian markets and forced the government's top banker

Jose Tupy Caldas De Moura, the central bank's chief auditor for brokerage firms, announced the liquidation of the Progresso S.A. brokerage, a Sao Paulo-based firm.

equivalent of \$2.58 million at the official exchange rate, during the

companies began, will probably would be followed by others in the

coming days, De Moura said in a news conference.

Last week, the central bank closed the brokerages of Ney Carvalho, Celton, Titular. Beta, and Capitanea Distribuidora, owned by Elmo Camoes, who quit Monday as head of the bank.

Brazil's equivalent of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

that saw share prices plunge by more than 34 per cent. At the centre of the furor was super-investor Naji Nahas, a

Brazil's \$30 billion stock market. Nahas bounced checks worth \$31 million to several hrokerages for the purchase of stock futures, said the Brazilian Securities

Commission, the rough equivalent of the U.S. Securities and

The commission said Nahas had borrowed heavily to invest in blue-chip stocks, taking advantage of a rule that allowed bim to pay five days later. Meanwhile, he pumped up the stock's price by buying large amounts of common stock, so the shares he received

later were worth more.

When hanks restricted credit for that type of operation, Nahas' checks to several hrokerages were returned for lack of funds.

The Monday after the scandal broke, the commission declared a

brokerage houses

Progresso S.A. had ran up a debt of 3.6 million cruzados, an

The liquidation, the sixth in two days since an investigation of 29

The six stock firms bad run up a total debt of 86.6 million cruzados, equal to nearly \$67 million, during a weeklong tailspin

2-year-old multimillionaire businessman and the no. 1 investor in

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U.K. oil giants announce price cuts

LONDON (R) - Britain's major oil companies have announced petrol price cuts in line with a trend towards lower pump prices in other West European countries. British Petroleum Co. Pic. and the British subsidiaries of Exxon Corp and Royal Dutch/Sheff said they were cutting the cost of leaded premium grade

petrol. The announcements followed last week's cut by PetroFire (U.K.) Ltd, which trimmed prices by six pence (9.3 cents) a gallion (4.5 litre), saying it wanted to pass on a fall in international of prices to its customers. Esso said it had reduced its price by between 2.5 pence (3.88 cents) and 6.5 pence (10.1 cents) over the past few days, while B.P. said it would reduce the wholesale parce of its petrol by 3.1 pence (4.8 cents) a gallon from midager. Tuesday. Shell is knocking 6.4 pence (9.9 cents) a gallon off as: price, a spokesman said.

Morocco to reap 'excellent' harvest

RABAT (R) - Morocco will harvest an excellent cereals crop of the about 7.25 million tonnes this season, according to figures published by the ministry of agriculture and agrarian reform. The harvest of bard and soft wheats, barley and maize will be the thint best ever after a record 7.89, million tonnes last year and 7.52 million in 1986 compared to the ten-year average of 4.5 million tonnes. Fears of crop failures because of lack of rain in Pebmary and March proved unfounded after widespread and pleatiful rainfall in April. The ministry said the harvest would include 1.64 million tonnes of hard wheat, 2.42 million tonnes of soft bread wheat, 2.8 million tonnes of barley and 390,000 tonnes of maize Output of barley is substantially below last year's when it was 3.5 million tournes of which some was exported. The unustry added that a record sugar beet crop was expected this season. Last year sugar output covered 65 per cent of national requirements.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Thursday, June 22, 1989. Central Bank official rates

Prench franc 85.0

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Amman Financial Market weekly trading

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Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous week:

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Total shares .	4,590,891	4,154,962
No. of contracts	4,727	4,127,
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Industrial	JD 4,858,472	JD 4,490,239
	(59.2%)	(73.9%)
Financial	JD 2,222,010	JD 745,376
	(28.3%)	(12.3%)
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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One ounce of gold 370.00/370.40

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

1.5555/65 U.S. dollars One U.S. dollar Canadian dollar 1.1905/15 1.9515/25 Deutschemarks 2.2005/15 Dutch guilders 1.6850/60 Swiss francs 40.82/87 Belgian francs French francs 6.6300/50 1416.5/1417.5 Italian lire 139.85/95 Japanese yen Swedish crowns 6.6175/6225 7.1150/1200 Norwegian crowns 7.6050/6100

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The Australian share market closed slightly easier in lacklustre trade amid negative sentiment over high interest rates. The All Ordinaries fell 2.9 to 1,510.5.

TOKYO — Index-linked buying by investment trust funds propelled share prices to close broadly higher in moderate trade. The Nikkei gained 205.74 to 33,530.71. HONG KONG - Stocks closed lower in thin trade after early

gains. The Hang Seng index fell 12.82 points to 2,219 amid. uncertainty about events in China and about the property market. SINGAPORE — Share prices fell marginally lower for the third consecutive day amid bouts of profit-taking in quiet trade. The Straits Times industrial index shed 4.14 to 1290.29.

BOMBAY — Share prices met with resistance at higher levels to closed mixed after the market opened bullish for the third day in a row. Associated Cement fell 4.5 rupees to 320.5 and Gujarat Fertiliser 1.25 to 15g.75.

FRANKFURT — Shares ended firmer and dealers expected the rally to continue next week amid demand from domestic and international investors. The real-time 30-share DAX index closed up 7.37 points at 1.491.20.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed firmer but below highs. The all-share Swiss performance index closed 3.8 higher on the day and 22.5 on the week at 1,100.9 points.

PARIS - Share prices ended the first day of the new account strongly up, spurred by the spate of bullish corporate news from annual general meetings, by the lower dollar and Wall Street's gains. The 50-share bourse indicator ended 1:23 per cent up. LONDON — Stocks were above the day's lows in cautious late business, after a 20-point gain on Wall Street gave the market some encouragement. By 1535 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was 14.3 off at 2,165.7.

NEW YORK — Wall Street stocks were at their session highs but pushing into resistance above the Dow 2500 level by midday. The Dow was ahead 21 points at 2503.

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EAST GERMANS ON EARLY FORM: Olympic javelin champion Petra Felke suffered a rare defeat but otherwise East Germany's somewhat depleted selection of star athletes displayed top form Thursday night. Three world season's bests were set at their first major outdoor athletics meeting of the year in Rostock. Felke threw 70.56 metres at her first attempt but then struggled with erratic wind conditions, allowing Beate Koch to squeeze past with a fifth throw of 70.76. Neike Harrwig threw 20.73 metres to win the shor put event while Yvonne Mai clocked four minutes 03.15 seconds in the 1,500 metres. Long distance specialist Kathrin Ullrich led from the front to win the 10,000 in 32:22.55, 20 seconds ahead of her nearest rival. The victory also made her East German champion over the distance. Many East German Olympic stars and other key athletes have quit athletics or are taking a year out. Susanne Losch took advantage of this in the 400 metres hurdles, winning in a convincing 55.64. Sabine Busch is missing this year and Olympic bronze medallist Ellen Fielder is injured and will be out for the whole season. Young spriot star

Sven Matthes blasted back onto the scene with a dazzling

10.11-second 100 metres, the fastest European time this season

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MOTORBIKE DUEL RESUMES: The duel between Wayne Rainey and Eddie Lawson for the world 500 CC Motorcycling championship resumes at the Dutch Grand Prix in Amsterdam Saturday with Suzuki rider Kevin Schwantz threatening to beat them both again: "Everyone will be watching him," said Reigning world champion Lawson's Honda team manager. Ian Mackay. The last two meetings, in Yugoslavia and Austria, have seen Lawson and Rainey looking up on the winner's podium at their 24-year-old U.S. compatriot, who also won in Japan in March and came second in the next race in the United States in April. But Schwantz lays fourth in the championship with only 77 points because of crashes in the Australian and Spanish Grands Prix and an engine failure in West Germany. The more consistent Rainey and Lawson have 123 and 110 points respectively while Frenchman Christian Sarron holds third position with 82 points. (R)

GOREN BRIDGE

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Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

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The hidding has proceeded: North East South West

A .- Here you have no problem-

bid two diamonds, which does our

show any great strength after the

takeout double, but does premise a

reasonable six-card suit. A more

difficult poser would have arisen

had East passed: Does your hand

rate a 1 NT response followed by

three diamonds should partner bid again? We think yes, but only just.

Q_S-Both vulnerable, as South you

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♥ Pass t + 1 NT

What action do you take?

West

Pass

483

TAK1062 0 AQ63 496

What action do you take?

Q.1-Neither vulnerable, as South **± K72** ♥ KQ876 ○ Q39 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

Pass Pass 1 NT Pass What do you bid now? A .- No number of bearts fits the bill. A rebid of twn hearts shows a weaker hand with a six-card heart suit, while a jump to three hearts should show a good six-card suit with lovilational values. The correct action is to invite game by bidding

two no trump. Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South you

#A8 VAQ1053 0A3984 45 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

What do you bid now? A .- While a bid of two diamonds the fourth suit, would be forcing, it does not do this hand justice. Partoer could easily have a three-card fit for one of the red suits, putting this hend in the slam zone. Jump to.

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you

♣J19642 ♥Q9 ♦J843 ♣J7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West Pass

What action do you take? A .- A miscrable collection has been improved somewhat by your bold-ings to partner's suits. While you might have passed initially, now you are forced to bid. Your most likely game is in hearts, so a false preference to three hearts gets the nod

By Frank Keating

MOST depressing pictures of the week were that tawdry slo-mo con In the name of sport perpetrated by Messrs Leonard and Hearns in their so-called world title fight from Las Vegas.

At this rate, international boxing will have mortally shot itself in both feet even before decent, progressive countries han it, which in the fulness of civilised time they surely must.

Once, at least there was (to coin a phrase) a ring about being a world champion boxer. There were only eight of them - at heavyweight, light, feather, bantam, and fly. Now, would you believe, there could be 68 (one or two men like Tyson have unified their division) fellows prancing about bragging that they're

It seems anyone can set up an array of world titles. There are now four rival boxing bodies and no end of 'ratings' published each month: even Budweiser Beer hrings out its own in America. The World Boxing Association, the World Boxing Council, the International Boxing Federation, and the fledgling World Boxing Organisation each flaunts a ludicrous 17 weight divisions.

Each has its minute sophistications. For instance the WBA and IBF boast fly-weights, junior flyweights, and mini-flyweights, while the WBC goes over the top with super-fly, fly, light-fly and — take my word for it — a strawweight division (under 100th, present champ Kapa Katwanchai of Thailand, if you're interested). .

Dave McAnley, the Larne chef, calls bimself world fly-weight champion after his win last week. Who has the heart to tell him there are 11 other tots out there somewhere with the same delu-

The con is, of course, that if every fight can be billed for "the world title" then TV will cough up. The label, the "sell" is all and no matter that, as this week, two weary old men with their reflexes gone are wallowing about throwing wet flannels at each other for half an hour or so.

I wouldn't even cross the sitting room to see the second rematch, which, it goes without saying, was



Leonard and Hearns in last weeks showdown; a clash of giants on two tired old men?

World boxing: time to hang up the gloves

mooted before they had even taken their glaves off. As for the now tragically sad and uncoordinated Leonard (isn't the spectre of Muhammad Ali at every big-fight ringslde warning enough?) getting together again with the decrepit Duran, well...

Nevertheless, the TV boys in all their cynicism are working on it. Once they've set up the hype, that is, for an even more grotesque challenge: that of George Foreman, the bald, hulhbery, 20-stone ancient who fancies a pension plan with Mike Tyson.

As they count their booty, the

promoters grind into the desert sand the last remote vestiges of any romance left in the seedy dregs of boxing. We are all being taken for a ride and if it's got to be reported, let's shove it on the showbiz pages.

As this week's horror film prodncer, Bob Arum, admitted with a curled lip and greedy smile as he counted up, and shared out, his absurd \$70 million: "I have merged show business with sport. I have expanded boxing's hori-

Till it vanishes into oblivion, one hopes. (The Guardian)

tingly homered twice in a game for the second time in 11 days

and Tom Brookens had three

hits, including a go-abead single

in New York's three-run seventh

inning, as the Yankees beat the

'That Mattingly is unbeliev-

Matlingly's three-run homer in

the second gave New York a 4-0

lead. After the Jimmy Jones and

new Yankee Greg Cadaret blew

a 6-1 lead, falling behind 7-6,

Mattingly tied the score with a

leadoff homer in the seventh off

Mattingly has 10 homers this season, all in Yankee stadium. It

was the 13th multiple-homer

"I keep trying to keep the ball own," joked Mattingly. "It

seems we've done a little bit

better since I've been swinging

Shawn Hillegas, 3-7.

game of his career.

able," said Chicago manager Jeff

Chicago White Sox 10-7.

him.

NEW YORK (AP) - Don Mat- the bat better."

Torborg, a Yankees coach for Rangers 9, Red Sox 1

3 Soviets may join NBA

NEW YORK (AP) - Three of the Soviet Union's top players may be on the verge of coming to the United States to play hasket-

Sources close to the Soviet national team have told the Associated Press that Arvidas Sabonis has reached a prelimin-ary agreement with the National Basketball Association's Portland Trail Blazers, forward Alexander Volkov with the Atlanta Hawks and guard Sharunas Marchulenis with the Golden State Warriors.

There still is red tape and legal questions to overcome, including a contract Sabonis, the Soviet national team's highly regarded centre, says he signed with the Forum Filatelilco team in Spain. "We have an agreement with

the Spanish League that we respect each other's contracts, and we will honour that agreement," NBA Vice President Gary Bettman said Thursday. "We're in the process of evaluating the situa- ruling by FIBA, the International

Portland President Harry Gliekman said he understood that one stipulation of the contract was that it had to be approved by

the Soviet Union. "I don't know if the Soviet Union would approve, hut if they don't, then it's not a valid con-tract," Glickman said. "But we'd like to see a copy of the contract

Even if Sabonis plays in Spain, Glickman said, "that isn't the worst scenario. We can wait another year for him to come to Portland.

and see exactly what it says."

The Trail Blazers drafted Sabonis in 1986, helped him rehabilitate an ankle injury and then saw him return home to help the Soviets win the 1988 Olympic gold medal.

In what is seen as a sign that the Soviet stars will be allowed to play abroad, national team coach Vladas Garastas praised a recent

Basketball Federation, to permit professional to play in Olympic

and world championships.
"It is good that FIBA made the decision because the Soviet players who join the NBA will oow be able to remain members of our nauonal team." Garastas said at

the European championships. The sources said the unexpected problem with Marchulenis' club arose when he said he was signing a three-year contract with the warriors. His club said he can sign only a two-year contract, the sources said.

Marchulenis, 25, a guard, is considered the second-hest players on the national team, behind Sabonis.

Several other Soviet sports stars recently have stated their desire to leave the country and nlay abroad, hoping the reforms of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will help them earn hard currency without having to leave the parional teams for defect.

Rose's career in the balance

CINCINNATI (AP) - Pete Rose could be banned from baseball for life in commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti believes evidence in a damaging report on the Cincinnati Reds' manager.

Whether Giamatti gets to make that determination soon is up to a state judge who was told Thursday that baseball's investigators have solid evidence that Rose bet on his own team.

Baseball investigator John M. Dowd outlined the evidence. saying his investigators had telephone records, taped conversanons, checks signed by Rose, and betting sheets" that have been verified as bearing Rose's handwriting.

The evidence is substantial; with nine witnesses giving information about Rose betting on baseball games or the Reds, according to Dowd.

While defending his report Thursday against attacks by Rose's lawyers, Dowd said he's taken no enjoyment from presenting the case against baseball's all-time hits leader.

Brewers 3, Royals 2

Kansas City.

Rob Deer's two-run bomer tied

the game in the ninth and Greg

Brock's fielder's choice grounder

in the 10th drove in the winning

run as Milwaukee rallied past

Rookie Kevin Brown scattered

five hits and Geno Petralli again

basbed Boston, leading the Texas

Dan Gladden's sacrifice Fly

capped a two-run rally in the

ninth inning and the Minnesota

Twins beat the Indians night for

their first three-game sweep in

The Baltimore Orioles won

their seventh straight game, de-

Cleveland since June 1971.

Orioles 6, Angels 5

Rangers over the Red Sox.

Twins 9, Indians 8

"Do I like it? No." Dowd said. "There isn't a day I haven't felt enormous sadness about this matter.'

Baseball's special investigator unveiled the case against Rose during a hearing related to Rose's sued him earlier this week, asserting the commissioner is biased and already bas decided against

The hearing Thursday was in Rose's request for a temporary training order that would block his meeting scheduled Monday with Giamatti in New York - the final step before the commissioner decides the case. Dowd was to be cross-examined Thursday by Rose's lawyers to complete the common pleas judge Norber A. Nadel was expected to make a decision soon thereafter.

Baseball attorney Luois L Hoyness Jr. told Nadel that it's important to let the commissioner use his full authority in deciding

Rose's case.

ing in the game also is at stake. There is evidence, substantial and heavily corroborated evilawsuit against Giamatti. Rose dence, that Mr. Rose het large sums of money on major-league

integrity of the game of major-league baseball." Hoynes said. Hoynes and Dowd then made

it clear that Rose's future stand-

baseball games and on games of the Cincinnan Reds." Hoynes The evidence is contained in a

225-page report by Dowd and seven volumes of exhibits that were wbeeled into the courtroom Thursday. Nadel has decided to keep the report confidential. against the wishes of Hoynes. "I've asked him virtually every

hour on the bour (to release the hearing, and Hamilton county full report), and I'll continue to ask him," Hoynes said, following the hearing. Dowd explained that the report

involves testimony and evidence from more than 80 witnesses and is broken into segments. It opens with summary of the findings and is followed by a chronological narra-

'What's at stake here is the tive of the investigation.

Baseball: That Mattingly is unbelievable

feating the California Angels on but once he lost the shutou; he'd pinch hitter Jim Traber's tiegiven us enough.

le earlier in the day.

breaking home run in the eighth Scudder, who gave up seven hits and two walks, had five strikeouts in sqarring his record Blue Jays 4, Athletics 2 at 1-1. He was recalled from the Fred McGriff hit a two-run

Toronto Blue Jays beat Oakland, Barry Larkin and Todd Benzimaking the Athletics winless in ger homered for the Reds. Tom five extra-inning games this Glavine, 7-4, took the loss.

NEW YORK (AP) - Scott Scudder needed only three major

league starts to gain his first victory, but he wanted more. "As a pitcher, you want a shutout," Scudder said Thursday

homer in the 13th inning and the

night after pitching the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves. "You don't just want a victory," he said. The victory was enough for

manager Pete Rose, one that snapped Cincinnati's four-game losing streak.
"The kid pitched a good ball-

game," Rose said, "I would like to have been him get a shutout,

Phillies 11, Cardinals 2

reds' class AAA farm at Nashvil-

Rookie Dennis Cook, in his

first start since being traded to Philadelphia by San Francisco, scattered three hits for seven innings, and newly acquired Len Dykstra hit a two-run homer as the Phillies routed St. Louis.

Cubs 8, Pirates 0

The Chicago Cubs completed their first three-game sweep in Pittsburgh since 1957, beating the Pirates on Rick Sutcliffe's fivehitter. Sutcliffe, 9-4, walked one and struck out. Randy Kramer. 1-4, took the loss.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1989

YOUR HOROSCOPE

THE Daily Crossword by Arthur M. Wheler

by Thomas Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Rightar Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A.—You have a minimum opening Take care of essentials early and prepare for a cheerful and congenial day. There is a need for freedom and bid with no fit for partner's suit There is a textbook way to describe this hand after an overcall-pass, excitement - a departure from what is normal.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you ARIES IMar. 21 to Apr. 191 TAK17 0K102 out of sight is found. Get back to The bidding has proceeded: nature to enjoy the great outdoors and physical activities. 2 NT Pass

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Systematic nestness is the only What do you bid now? cure for aggravating disorder. A .- If there's a fit, you are io slam Gather the offenders together and territory. However, don't bid any lay down the taw pleasantly. more than three hearts oow-you GEMINI IMey 2t to June 2t) might need the bidding room to in-

Join the company of neighbors and friends. Someone beautiful and afvestigate various possibilities. A fectionate will respond to your iump to four hearts would promise romantic nature.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to a five-card suit in addition to extra Jul. 21) Rise to a higher position through self-improvement that huilds insight. Focus on variety,

travel and surprise excursions. LEO (Jul 22 to Asg. 21) Profes-By Harris sienal help may werk better than trial-end-error metbods. Get the

facts before you start. Increase time apent with siblings. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Your mate may feel that you are married

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theme 12 Worship 17 Turner o

14 Tako — Jesvo

18 Curmudgeonly
19 — Lour
20 Ty Cobb
23 Breathing
sounds
24 Edge
25 Spin
28 Mamie's mata
29 Hang loosely
32 Limerick land
30 is inattentive
38 Echtona
appendage
38 Atlants
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38 Atlanta
thoroughtare
41 Street show
42 Help
43 Brutish ona
44 Harem room
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47 Evaluate
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Beaupre
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52 Bert's pal
50 Theater org.
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63 Dam
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quality
65 High

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2 Provo's state
3 Solitary
4 Parfume

2 Marianna or Mary
7 Stopples
8 Deiht garmen
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10 Revoke a grant
11 Tribunal of prelates
12 Ambier or Dickersor
13 Son et Adam
21 Consume
22 Arral visitor
25 Typeset proof for short
26 Mountain nymph

to your work. Repair a broken nise. Take a break - increase

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It may be necessary to change your approach to get your own way. You can accomplish anything when you

SCORPIO (Oct. 27 to Nov. 211 A short journey can be enjoyable. You are in a position of power - apply it to business and financial

SAGITTARIUS INov. 22 to Dec 21) Hold hudget in line. Be cautious of "bargains" and shop wisely. There is a tendency toward CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Preoccupation with your own projects leaves family members without your company. Be a role model for AQUARIUS (Jon. 21 to Feb. 19)

Tell someone to close their mouth and you wen't jump down their throat. You spend the day cleaning up yesterday's mess.
PISCES IFeb. 20 to Mar. 20)
Early confusion has you alternating

between pit boss and referee. Con-front issues and then drop them. Prepare for an eschanting evening.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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-48 Incite to attack 49 Ottahpot 50 Jury 51 Loosen

Gardner 54 A.M. word 55 Maxims

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Peanuts

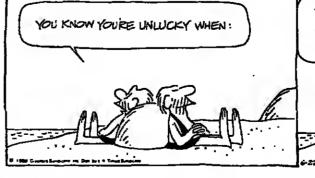
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BY JOHNNY HART



THE GUY YOU MADE AN OBSCENE GESTURE AT

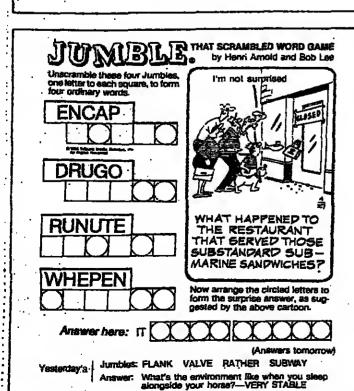


Andy Capp





for a forest fire!"



Greek conservative leader fails to form coalition government

ATHENS (R) — Greece's conservative opposition leader, Constantine Mitsotakis, told reporters Friday he had failed to form a coalition government after three days of talks with a communist-led

Carelaker Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, whose Socialist Party was heaten into a distant second in national elections Sunday, will now have three days to try to form a coalition government.

No party emerged with an absolute majority in the 300-sear parliament after the elections. Each of the top three parties is given a three-day period to try lo forge a coalition before fresh elections are called.

"The sole responsibility for the fact that Greece is still heing governed by PASOK (the Socialist Party). scandal-ridden and with Papandreou sick, lies with the left." Mitsotakis told a news conference after his three-day mandate expired.

Papandreou, 70, was taken to hospital Thursday night suffering from breathing problems and a cold. He had open-heart surgery in London in September.

Mitsotakis's centre-right New Democracy Party came first in trying to persuade a new communist alliance, with 28 seats, to

form a coalition government. Mitsotakis and Communist alliance leader Harilaos Florakis have said they want immunity from prosecution lifted for PASOK ministers accused of involvement in multi-million-dollar scandals in the arms and hanking industries.

Florakis has called for a government of national unity, comprising elements from the three main parties to rule Greece while a full investigation is carried out. The investigations could be followed by a new election larer this

Papandreou, who has dominated Greek politics for the past eight years, said he, too, would seek a coalition with the communists during his three-day mandate to form a coalition, which has officially begun.

His Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) was soundly defeated in the election. the election, winning 145 seats. emerging with only 125 seats, but and has spent the past three days

emerging with only 125 seats, but Papandreou insists "democratic

and progressive" forces hold an absolute majority. A PASOK-Communist front would command 153 seats

Political commentators give Papandreou little chance of wooing the Communists who were banned from 1945 to 1974 and last controlled ministries in a brief government of national uni-

Papandreou continues ro be plagued by financial scandals and health problems as he struggles to maintain his grip on power.

He was taken to hospital suffering from a respiratory infection and doctors say he will stay hospital for a few more days. In effect, he will be tying to form a coalition from his hospital bed.

Another hank scandal hit the Socialists Wednesday when U.S. agents arrested 13 officials of the state-run National Mortgage Bank of Greece in the United States, and charged the hank with helping clients evade taxes hy illegally concealing some \$700

Papandreou and his government have been savaged by scandals over the past 10 months. among them Papandreou's muchpublicised extramarital affair with air hostess Dimitra Liani, 34.

Burmese demonstrate after attack on opposition

thousand young people rallied in central Rangoon Friday after an unprecedented denunciation of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi by the military government,

They said tension in the capital of Myanma, formerly Burma, was high following the verhal attack at a government news conference Thursday in which a spokesman equated her party with the hanned Communist Party and threatened action.

The temperature is rising. I can't see either side hacking down. It's getting more and more confrontational," said a Western diplomat contacted from Bangkok hy telephone.

Witnesses to the gathering outside Rangoon general hospital Friday afternoon said some members of the crowd taunted truckloads of armed soldiers who sealed off roads in the area.

The witnesses said members of the crowd rold them they had heard rumours that Aung San Suu Kyi was to address them. The crowd dispersed under a heavy tropical storm. She did nor turn

Sources at her National League for Democracy said they knew little of the gathering and said the 44-year-old politician had actually left in the morning for a twoday campaigning visit to Pegu, 70

kilometres north of Rangoon. The attack by the government spokesman, part of which was



repeated in the official Working People's daily newspaper. marked the first time Aung San Suu Kyi or the Democracy League had been directly conde-

She was briefly detained Wednesday after an incident in northern Rangoon in which one man was shot dead by security forces after a memorial ceremony for demonstrators killed during pro-democracy rallies a year ago.

The spokesman said the democracy league was deliberately dis-

Fear to aloofness

Chinese turmoil

in Asia over

create a democracy, accused Aung San Suu Kyi of denigrating Buddha and of "fomenting disturbances and encouraging the people and children to dety au-

He said: "Any plan to defy authority is always followed by the huilding up of red power... this is the method of the BCP (Burma Communist Party).

"If there are attempts to set up a power base — red power then we shall have to use our power to prevent it. We shall have to crush those who disrupt the efforts to huild a multi-party system either through legal means or hy using our power."

"It was a no-bolds-barred, don't-mess-around-with-us message," a senior Western diplomat commented.

The Democracy League, which says it has a membership of more than one million, grew out of the student-led mass popular move-ment that last year forced the collapse of the repressive singleparty socialist state that had ruled the country for a decade.

The league has been the major force campaigning for unhindered political activity since the army seized power last September and promised to hold an election.

The opposition, as far as the government is concerned, is one party (the league) and as far as anyone else is concerned, it's the only one," a diplomat said.



Colombo flexes emergency muscles

Lankan government, armed with sweeping powers under emergency rule, has begun flexing its muscles, serving an ultimatum on striking bus workers to report for work Monday or lose their jobs.

Fifty thousand employees of the state-run Transport Board have been on strike since June 12 paralysing commuters in Colombo and virtually halting interprovincial travel.

In a statement, the Transport Ministry told hus workers to report for work Monday, saying they would cease to be employees of the Transport Board if they did

The transport strike, which closed many schnols and colleges and brought down attendance in offices, was a major provocation for the government to impose a state of emergency Tuesday.
The government helieves

Nicaragua

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set up talks

MANAGUA (AP) — Cardinal Miguel Ohando y Bravo said

Thursday he was unable to set up

conciliation talks between Nicar-

agua and the United States, as

requested by President Daniel

Foreign Minister Miguel d'E-

scoto also Thursday accused the

U.S. government of spreading

"systematic lies" to discredit

Nicaragua and its preparations

Ortega publicly asked Ohando

y Bravo, the Roman Catholic

archbishop of Managua, Monday

to act as a go-between in setting up talks with U.S. President

George Bush's administration to

resolve differences with Nicar-

agua's leftist Sandinista govern-

The cardinal said he would

think about it, hut State Depart-

ment Spokesman Rudi Boone

Tuesday rejected the offer. He

factors, including "an end to dialogue."

for free elections in 1990.

COLOMBO (R) - The Sri Sinhalese militants of the People's Liberation Front (JVP) are behind the strike, which looked like spreading to other sectors.

The emergency rules, lifted last January after more than five years, give the military powers to detain people without trial.

Diplomatic sources said they expected the government to get tough. "I am sure we will see some action in a day or two," said one Western diplomat. "The emergency is a formal warning, a signal that force will be applied."

On Thursday, the government operated some of the buses in Colombo with the help of army

The JVP, which has spurned government offers to talk peace, has increasingly made its presence felt in Colombo and has a firm grip over southern Sri Lanka, its major stronghold

Miguel Obando y Bravo

guerrillas in El Salvador.

Nicaraguan support" for leftist

Boone, in Washington, also said Nicaragua should hold free

and fair elections under interna-

tional supervision and hegin a

genuine dialogue with opposition

groups before the United States

agrees to negotiations.

where its supporters include out bilaterally, not unilaterally. Buddhist monks.

It is opposed to the presence of Indian troops fighting a separatist rebellion by the country's minority Tamils in the northeast.

In Colombo, it has fanned anti-Indian sentiment and called for the boycott of Indian goods.

The presence of Indian troops has become an emotive issue in Sri Lanka with wide support for President Ranasinghe Premadasa's call for withdrawal before the end of next month.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said a full withdrawal would have to be worked out jointly by the two sides, effectively rejecting the idea of a pull ont

hy the end of July.

A Foreign Office spokesman in New Delhi said Thursday Gandhi had written to Premadasa that a full withdrawal had to be worked

Premadasa's government has opened talks with the Tamil Tigers, the most powerful guerrilla group in the north, in the hope of

bringing peace to Tamil-domin-

ated areas of the island. It received a jolt Thursday when another Tamil group, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation Students (EROS). announced it was going back to the jungles to fight for liberation.

EROS, which is allied to the Tigers and has 13 members in parliament, accepted in part the India-Sri Lanka peace accord for the northeast that opened the way for Indian troops to come two years ago.

It said many of its members had been killed by an Indianhacked Tamil group that dominates the northeastern provincial

Alaska disaster ship heads for shipyard

about to begin a 4,023 kilometre journey, three months after being impaled oo a reef, shreddiog its hull and causiog the nation's worst oil spill.

The coast guard expects the vessel to have a safe trip after its scheduled departure Friday and cause no further environmental damage as it moves down the Pacific Ocean to a dry dock at San Diego.

Exxon Shipping Company President Frank larossi has said the ship will be rehuilt to original specifications, which include a single hull. The 300-metre tanker will undergo nearly a year of repairs costing more than \$25

million. The coast guard Wednesday approved Exxon's towing proposal and issued the necessary permits. The ship will be repaired by

Referring to Boone's state-ment, Ohando y Bravo wrote to Ortega, saying, "for the time being, it is not possible to enter into a process of mediation ... the company that huilt it in 1986. Coast guard officers will be aboard to monitor the vessel's said an improvement in relations hecause one of the parties has would depend on a number of officially set conditions for the movement as it leaves Prince William Sound and again as it

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — The Diego, Lieutenant Alan Carr, a crippled tanker Exxoo Valdez is coast guard spokesman, said coast guard spokesman, said Thursday.

The commanding officer of the Marine Safety Office went out and did a final walk-through inspection yesterday," Carr said. "He made the decision everything was OK and gave his goahead that everything was ready

Two oceangoing tugboats will tow the tanker with another tug and a salvage ship trailing behind, Exxon spokesman Joe Tucker

The convoy will move about 160 kilometres offshore at five knots, making it a 20-day trip to San Diego, officials said. "As I understand it, the Valdez

will not be moving under its own power," Tucker said. "But they (engines) are capable of being fired up.

Repairing the tanker, which spilled almost 11 million gallons of north slope crude oil into Prince William Sound when it ran aground March 24, will require the replacement of 3,000 tons of enters the approach to San steel.

NEW DELHI (R) — A 57-year old Indian broke the record for non-stop talking Tuesday but still has some things he wants to get off his chest, Il days after he began a marathon lecture at a

Indian just won't

keep quiet

south India beach resort. S.E. layaraman, who talked his way into the 1987 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records with a 200-hour monologue, was still chattering away after 270 hours at an hotel in Madras. The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported this talking was going on for 360 hours, Javaraman was outspoken last year by another south Indian, N.S. Viswanathan, who soliloquised for 260 hours to wing a mention in the 1988 edition Jayaraman is allowed to shut in for 15 minutes every three hours under the Guinness guidelines.
Attending doctors said in is in very good health.

Starr will sing, play drums again

NEW YORK (AP) - Ringo Starr will play drums and sing on his first tour since the Beatles broke up nearly 20 years ago, the New York Times reports. Starr today planned to announce de tails of the tour, which starts July 23 in Dallas, Texas, and ends Sept. 3 in Los Angeles. He will be accompanied in a nine-piece band by guitarist Joe Walsh, who produced Starr's last alhum, "old wave" in 1983; Billy Preston, the: organist who played with the Beatles on the "Let It Be" album; former members of the band and Clarance Clemmons, the saxophonist in Bruce Springsteen's E Street hand.

Dancer wants last waitz with Diana

LONDON (AP) — Wayne Sieen, the ballet star who danced with the Princess of Wales on stage three years ago, hopes to crown his career sharing "the last waltz with Diana." The princess, a far and former pupil, will be in the audience for a gala charity per-formance of Sleep's current show. The daocer receotly announced that he will retire in the fall and cooceotrate on acting. Unlike the night in 1985 when the couple danced a highkicking waltz at Covent garden oo secret preparations for a royal turn have been made. Sleep. however, is ready to dance. "It would be my fioal glory to have my old partner back again," he told Press Association Wednesday. "It would be a dream come". true if Diana could join me for: one last waltz." When the two have met in receiving lines, Sleep said, "Diana has always said," 'Let's do it again.' Unfortunately, we haven't got round to it.

Toy car triggers adult collision

CLACKAMAS, Oregon (AP) -A driver who caused a three-car collision did not have a license to show a sheriff's deputy and now. he will not be eligible for one until the year 2003. Thit is when Justin Aronson turns 16. The two-year-old boy drove his battery-powered toy car onto a suburhan road Sunday and triggered a collision by drivers in adultsized cars who tried to avoid him. said Clackamas County Sheriff's deputy Michael F. Helmstadt. Two cars and a small pickup truck: were damaged but no one was hurt, Helmstadt said. Justin's father, Daniel, said Justin drove off in his toy car while he was cleaning the family's garage. The father said he found Justin just after the accident and took the boy and his toy car home. Helmstadt wrote in his report that he interviewed everybody involved in the accident except for Justin-'He couldn't talk yet," Helmstadt noted.

By Larry Thorson regret at the bloodshed in Peking with a refusal to lecture China about its internal affairs. The Associated Press TOKYO - Asian nations of But among them, Japan is quietly flexing its economic muscle as China's main supplier many minds as they warily watch the turmoil in China. In Hong Kong, the territory

joined with it, many people are profoundly shocked. Some are of a mind to run. Vietnam worries that China might try foreign military adveotures to distract from its domestic woes. Taiwan has put its troops on alert and called for the overthrow of "communist tyranny"

closest to China and soon to be

But Pakistan carried on business as usual, sending Foreign Secretary Humayun Khan to Peking Thursday.
Pakistao's relations with Chi-

na always have been close, helping Pakistan ro halance pressures from India and the Soviet Union. "We have cordial relations

with China... and it has been the case regardless of changes in China or Pakistan," said a Pakistani diplomat in Tokvo. Indonesia says it will also go ahead with planned contacts

with China on normalising di-

plomatic relations. Jakarta cut

diplomatic ties in 1967 after a

communist coup attempt. Most Asian governments have combined expressions of

of credit. Tokyo has not made up its mind what conditions to set, however, before reopening ralks with Peking on a multihillion-dollar loan programme.

The 5.7 million people of

Hong Kong revert to Chinese rule in 1997. A poll in May, before the bloodshed in Peking. showed one-third of Hong Kong's people want to emigrate hefore China takes over. Britain. Hong Kong's colonial rul-er, says it would be politically impossible to take in many of

- China had been hecoming a potent contributor to regional economic growth. Its opendoor economic policy, in effect for 10 years, had drawn substantial Asian investment, much of it channelled through Hong Kong.

More than that, China's political stability of warming relations with the Soviet Union, ladia, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and other Asian coentries had fostered a feeling that Asia could look forward to a time of peace, profits and

problem-solving. After the events in Peking,



A GROUP of children, tied together at the wrists are led for a walk past the Communist Party headquarters in Peking. The children are tied together to keep them from wandering into the streets when they go on walks. Life returned to normal in Peking as it entered the first month of martial law.

what comes now is a matter of deep concern to many Asians. A China with large sections of her people, including her best educared, at odds with the government means trouble, with people resentful, reforms

Lee Kwan Yew. "Because of her size, such a China could create problems for herself and her neighbours

stalled and economy stagnant," said Singapore Prime Minister

Asian countries have important interests at stake in not rocking the boat in relations with China. Nations that have expressed regret and little more include India, Pakistan, Nepal, Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines

Japan justifies its low-keyed stance hy recalling its own misdeeds in China. "Japan invaded China' 50 years ago," Prime Minister Sousuke Uno said, explaining why the government had not responded to calls from some husiness leaders and news

media for harder action. But huge Japanese loans to China are now up in the air, though the Foreign Ministry will not use the word "suspend" ro describe Japan's action on the loans.

"We still have to make up our mind whether it is proper for us to go ahead," ministry spokesman Taizo Watanabe said Tuesday.

Japan supplies 30 per cent of the international credit China receives. The eruption in Peking stopped negotiations on a new series of credits that Japan pledged last year, amounting to

810 billion yen (\$5.6 billion) from 1990 to 1995. Political repercussions

South Korea, enjoying booming trade with China despite the lack of diplomatic relations, hopes that its warming unofficial ties with Peking will encourage China to sway North Korea to a "moderate" course. South Korea has allowed its businessmen to rerurn to China to portray itself as a reliable trading partner.

Vietnam reacted cautiously to the bloodshed in Peking, perhaps due to its centuries of difficulties with China. Chinese troops mounted an ill-fated invasion of Vietnam in 1979, trying to reach Hanoi a lesson after the Vietnamese army had entered Cambodia, and the two countries have had repeated border clashes in the 1980s. "Over the past 40 years, China has wirnessed one political upheaval in every 10 years," Nguyen Co Thach, Vietnam's foreign minister and deputy

"What worries foreign countries is whether China would carry out outside adventures to solve its internal crisis."

premier, said in a recent inter-

view in Hanoi with the Associ-

China is a key player in the struggle over Cambodia's future, since Peking supports the rebels fighting the Vietnamesehacked Phnom Penh governmeat. So far there has been nn indication how the turmoil in China will affect moves towards

peace in Cambodia. If they did not criticise Chinn sharply, elected governments in

to democracy in Peking. "We are for democracy everywhere because we feel it is the best optioo," said Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. whose country fought a border

war with China in 1962.

At stake for India now is progress to end territorial disputes on the 3,800-kilometre border with China. The two countries have horder talks scheduled for Jone 30 in

In Taiwan, thoughts of eventual unification with China have been put aside for the time

being.
Only by toppling the communist tyranny can we reimify with China." said Premier Lee Huan, calling on all countries to help bring the downfall of what he termed "this vicious,

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